

**WE'RE  
SO GLAD  
YOU JOINED  
US TODAY!**

## Welcome to St. John's!

### Welcome to worship at St. John's United Methodist Church.

You are welcome and celebrated in this faith community!  
If you are a first time attendee or a long-time member;  
If you are black, brown, white or anything in between;  
If you are gay, straight, bisexual, lesbian, or transgender;  
If you are a Native American or an immigrant friend;  
If you are male or female, young or old, abled or differently-abled, rich or poor;  
No matter what you believe or doubt;  
No matter where you are on life's journey;  
You are a gift of the Creator God. Together, we are family of God,  
because we are gathered in the name of the One who makes us one.



St. John's has been affiliated with Reconciling Ministries Network since 1998, when we adopted a statement affirming the sacred worth of all God's children, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. We celebrate our diversity and welcome all people to join us in our journey together toward greater understanding and mutual respect.

We welcome children and enjoy their participation in all aspects of congregational life. For caregivers of small children, a changing table is available in the front bathroom and the library is open if you need a quiet place to tend to your little one. A nursery with certified workers is available for infants through age 5 at the southeast corner of the building if you need respite. Ushers will be glad to direct you to any of these resources.

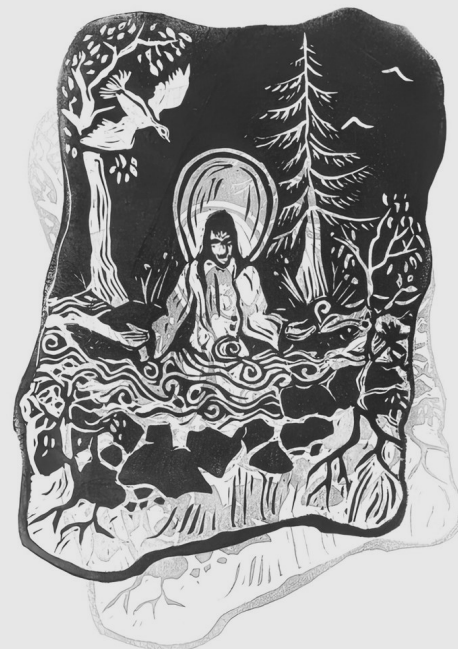
## Meet Our Staff.

To contact a member of our staff please call 806-762-0123, visit us online, or send us an email at [openminds@stjohnslubbock.org](mailto:openminds@stjohnslubbock.org)

Rev. Josh Stueve  
*Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Ann Akin  
*Associate Pastor*  
Clint Barrick  
*Organist*

Tim Algate  
*Director of Music Ministries*  
David Cranford  
*Facilities Manager*  
John Dotts  
*Assistant Facilities Manager*

Rachel Shipley  
*Director of Youth Ministries*  
Kyle Collins  
*Director of Communications*  
Trish Hernandez  
*Director of Childcare Ministries*



**From the Lectionary**  
*The Baptism of Jesus*  
Cara B. Hochhalter

Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River amid the beauty of creation, not at a baptismal font inside a temple. He experienced the spirit and peace of God fall upon him as the heavens opened up. Imagine God's Spirit falling upon him "like a dove." I created this image while staying in a cabin in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. The window looked out on the Skykomish River—and I imagined Jesus being baptized there. In the process of creating this print, I turned the block, making a shadow image. How surprising to see another face appear on Jesus' chest! Suddenly the words from scripture became clear. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved...'" Jesus would hold God within him—and show us all how we might also carry God, and be carried by God, throughout our lives.

### Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound  
Jane Haynes  
Myrna Shuey  
Dwight Finckbone  
Gary Pate  
Abby Reimer  
Jerry Johnson  
Pat Cantrell  
Julie Shirey

# Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Sunday, January 12, 2025

10:30 a.m.



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# The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service

## ENTRANCE

\*\*Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick  
*Now the Old Year has Passed Away* Johann Steuerlein (1546-1613)

\*Call to Worship Rev. Bobby McMillan  
Creator God, in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you brought forth light.

**Your Spirit gives us birth. Your light shines within us.**

Jesus, you came for baptism in the Jordan River; you immersed yourself in our life.

**Your presence warms us. We rejoice in your grace.**

Holy Spirit, your breath gives us life; your flame burns with compassion within us.

**Alleluia! We immerse ourselves in your grace, that we may always shine with the light of your love. Alleluia!**

\*Hymn No. 252 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*When Jesus Came to Jordan* COMPLAINER

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples Frank Goode  
Hymn No. 611 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* STUTTGART

**As the children arrive:**

1. *Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.*

**As the children depart:**

2. *Child of love, our love's expression,  
love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,  
into joy and laughter lead.*

Prayers of the People | The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ann Akin  
God in your graciousness/mercy  
**Hear our prayers.**

**Our Father who art in Heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Act of Praise Wesley Orr, Tenor  
*My Lord, What a Morning* African-American Spiritual,  
Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Hebrew Bible Lesson - Isaiah 43: 1-3a, p. 672 Rev. Betsey Heavner

\*Gospel Lesson - Luke 3: 15-22, p. 60, N.T. Rev. Bobby McMillan  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response No. 607 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition Rev. Betsey Heavner

## THANKSGIVING

ReAffirmation of Our Baptismal Covenant Rev. Bobby McMillan  
Remember your baptism and be thankful.  
**Amen.**

Invitation to an Offering

*All are invited forward to make a financial offering and/or  
to remember your baptism. You are encouraged to take  
your time at the font, feel the water with your hands  
and mark the sign of a cross on your forehead.*

\*Hymn No. 608 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*This is the Spirit's Entry Now* AZMON

\*Hymn No. 347 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Spirit Song* SPIRIT SONG

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir  
*Living Water* Lloyd Larson

\*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 94  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise, God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## SENDING FORTH

Reception of New Members Rev. Ann Akin  
**We rejoice to welcome you as members of  
Christ's Holy Church, and we bid you welcome  
to St. John's United Methodist Church.  
With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers,  
our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.**

\*Hymn No. 605 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* BEACH SPRING

Benediction Rev. Betsey Heavner  
**We are baptized with Christ, and the Spirit of God is upon us  
to bring good news to the poor, recovery of sight to the blind,  
and liberty to the oppressed.  
The Spirit drives us into the wilderness,  
into the world, into the arms of God.  
Send us, then, God, in the name and the Spirit and the company of  
Jesus. Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Postlude*

Postlude Clint Barrick  
*Psalms 19* Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

## United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will hold their first meeting of the year on Saturday, January 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at St. John's. All women are invited to join!

## Men's Breakfast

The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, January 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room at St. John's. All men are invited to join!



## Chili Cook-Off Coming Soon

Celebrate 2025 and join the FUN Committee for a Chili Lunch after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 26! Sign-ups are in the hallway to bring a pot of chili, savory toppings, or your favorite dessert.

## Altar Flower Sign-Up Now Available

The 2025 altar flower calendar is posted in the church office on the bulletin board. You can also sign up by sending your name, arrangement requests, and honoraria information to [openminds@stjohnslubbock.org](mailto:openminds@stjohnslubbock.org). Be sure to sign up early to request the dates you wish.



## Don't Miss Dinner for 8

Enjoy good conversation and wonderful company around the dining table with new and old friends. "Dinner for 8" is a unique opportunity to share in a delicious meal provided by the 8 participants. Each month from February to April, couples and /or individuals will enjoy a new group of eight for an opportunity to commune and fellowship with other wonderful St Johners. Sign-up sheets are available in the hallway.

*\*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.  
\*\*Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*