

**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  
*Choral Conductor*  
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 *Transfiguration* Cara B. Hochhalter

"It is out of a time of retreat into prayer with three of his disciples that suddenly Jesus appears to be elevated spiritually. There is a whirl of energy in this image and story. Jesus is seen shimmering with Divine Light. Alongside him appear great prophets of the faith from the past, Moses (with tablets) and Elijah (by a broom tree). In the story, the disciples are astounded beyond words. In their thrill of the moment, they want to build a shrine, a memorial to mark this incredible occurrence... Instead, they are told to listen to Jesus... Perhaps it is more important that the disciples really hear what Jesus has to say than to idolize and worship him in that place. Questions might be raised about our own tendency to create idols that may or may not help us listen to the Divine."

The Rev. Cara B. Hochhalter is a United Church of Christ (UCC) minister. She served the Charlemont Federated Church in Massachusetts for ten years and now lives in Hyde Park, New York.



### Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound  
Jane Haynes  
Dwight Finckbone  
Gary Pate  
Julie Shirey  
Justin Hughes  
Jowannah Ellis  
Rick Nelson  
David Pedroza  
*(the father of Beatrice Pedroza)*  
The family of Roy Goodloe

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 **ST. JOHN'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, March 2, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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

## ENTRANCE

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

Prelude Clint Barrick  
*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* Frank Mason North (1850-1935)

\*Call to Worship Joylynn Harris

God of glory, you create us with light.  
You fashion us out of glory, and it shines in our faces.  
**We worship you in awe, and we seek your presence among us.**

Christ, you are the glory of God, the light of the world.  
You are the fulfillment of the law and prophets.

**We turn to you to teach us, to heal us, to re-make us,  
so that we will again shine with the glory of your image.**

Holy Spirit, you are the light of grace within us.  
Each of us is a pillar of fire, shining with the power of your love.

**Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us  
from one degree of glory to another, by your grace. Alleluia!**

\*Hymn No. 258 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair* WAREHAM

Prayers of the People | 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 Lauren Ziegenhorn  
*Deep River* arr. Burleigh

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Listening Prayer Joylynn Harris

**God of love, when Christ shone with glory you enveloped  
the disciples in mystery, in a cloud of unknowing,  
and said, "Listen to him."  
I let go of clinging to glory, and listen.**

\*Gospel Lesson - Luke 9: 28-36, p. 69-70, N.T. Joylynn Harris  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

\*Affirmation of Faith No. 882 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version* Rev. Ann Akin

\*Hymn No. 70 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Gloria Patri* MEINEKE

Anthem  
*Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

*Jesus, on the mountain peak,  
stands alone in glory blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak,  
join the saints and angels praising:  
Alleluia!*

*Trembling at his feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the Law  
shout through them their joyful  
greeting:  
Alleluia!*

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Please approach the altar using the center aisle.

You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please speak your name to the servers so that you may receive the bread and cup by name. We receive by intinction. (As you receive the bread, hold it until the cup is offered. Dip the bread into the cup and then eat.)

When you are ready, you may return to your seat using the side aisles. If you are unable to come to the altar, please tell an usher so that we may serve you in your seat. Our communion bread is vegan, free of dairy, egg, and gluten.

*All people gathered to worship God are invited  
to receive the bread and the cup.*

Communion Stewards: VelvetLee Elder & Marcy Stueve

Invitation to the Table Rev. Josh Stueve & Rev. Ann Akin  
The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting B, p. 19 Greg Brookes, cantor  
Sharing the Bread and Cup  
Invitation to an Offering

Music for Communion St. John's Choral Scholars  
*Healing Light* Karl Jenkins

*deep peace of the running wave to you  
deep peace of the flowing air to you  
deep peace of the quiet earth to you  
Amen.*

*deep peace of the shining stars to you  
deep peace of the gentle night to you  
moon and stars pour their healing light on you  
Amen.*

Hymn No. 623 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee* PENITENTIA

Hymn No. 617 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

Prayer after Communion Rev. Ann Akin  
**Bless us, O God, that we may listen to Christ, and shine with love,  
in the grace of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ. Amen.**

St. John's Chancel Choir

*Swift the cloud of glory came,  
God, proclaiming in its thunder,  
Jesus as the Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:  
Alleluia!*

*Jesus is the chosen One,  
living hope of every nation,  
hear and heed him, everyone;  
sing, with earth and all creation,  
Alleluia!*

\*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. Josh Stueve

**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. 173 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* RATISBON

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

*Please be seated for the Postlude*

Postlude Clint Barrick



### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Mark your calendars—our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is coming up! Join us on Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of good food and good company. We'll be flipping pancakes, serving up all the fixings, and just enjoying time together before Lent.

Bring your appetite, bring a friend, and we'll see you there!

### Ash Wednesday Worship Service

On Wednesday, March 5 we will observe Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent with a service at 6:00 p.m.

### Men's Breakfast & United Women in Faith Meetings

On Saturday, March 8, all men are invited to the Men's Breakfast group in the Garden Room at 9:00 a.m. and all women are invited to the United Women in Faith meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

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