

**WE'RE
SO GLAD
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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.

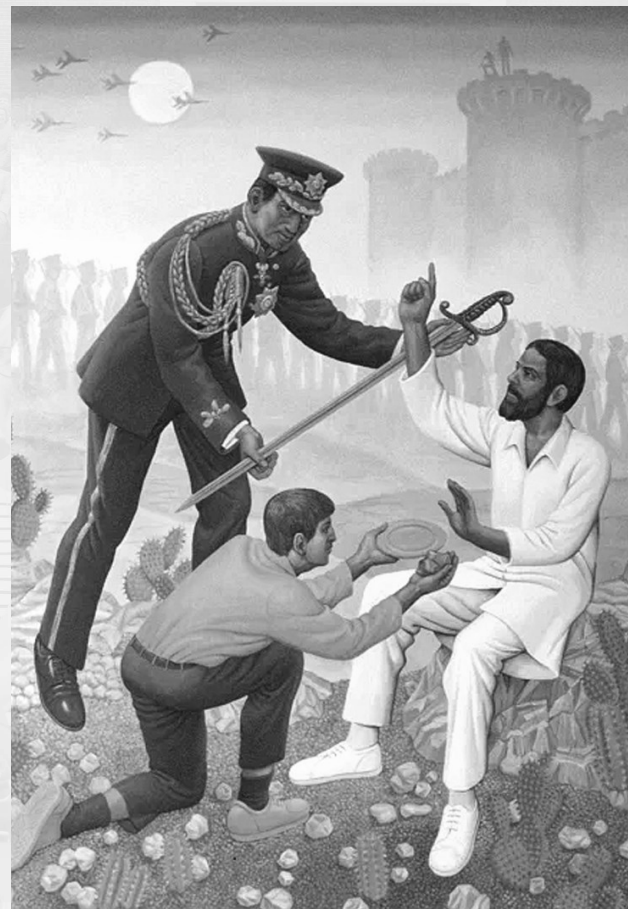
Meet Our Staff.

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

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 *Temptation of Christ* Peter Koenig

Peter Koenig knew from a young age that his vocation was to be a religious artist. He told his Art School Head that was the case and undertook a further course of study at the Visual Arts Academy in Nuremberg to study frescos in particular, but also graffito, fibre-glass and engraving, because he was dissatisfied with the blandness of much contemporary religious art.

Please Remember in Prayer:

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

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

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 9, 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
I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship Wesley Orr

Holy Spirit, great desert wind, you drive us into the wilderness.

In lonely, barren places our brokenness is exposed.

We confront our shadows.

Christ, be with us in this testing time.

Walk with us, Jesus, in our wilderness.

Eternal God, whose love for us is vast and wide,

you are the desert; you are the Way.

We come to you and surrender ourselves to you.

We rest in your presence.

Receive our broken lives, and transform us by your grace.

Holy One, whom we worship, create in us a new heart. Amen.

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples Paul Bjerk
Hymn No. 707 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Hymn of Promise PROMISE

As the children arrive:

*In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

As the children depart:

*There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

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 Naehyeog Kang, Baritone
Hostias Gabriel Fauré

Listening Prayer Wesley Orr
God of love, we do not live by bread alone, but by the Word of love you give to us as a gift. Give us faith to receive your grace. Help us to trust, and to live in harmony with your grace.

**You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.*

***Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*

*Gospel Lesson - Luke 4: 1-13, p. 61, N.T. Wesley Orr

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response No. 268 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Lent Rev. Ann Akin

O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 468 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See HURSLEY

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
Jesus Walked Tim Algate

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley
He had to walk it by himself
Nobody else could walk it for him
He had to walk it by himself.
Jesus walked alone.
This lonesome land.*

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

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. 269 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days LAND OF REST

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick
Lord, Make Me Lee Hastings Bristol (1923-1979)
an Instrument of Thy Peace

Theology Group

Theology Group is a biweekly book study exploring faith, theology, and deep questions in a welcoming, discussion-based setting. Led by rotating leaders, including Revs. Ann and Lynn Akin, meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's.



Food Bank Work Day

United Women in Faith is sponsoring a work day at the South Plains Food Bank(5605 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd) on Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Use this link to register <https://cerv.is/0308rStJohns>

Coffee Cup Crew

Following the coffee time on Sunday morning, a crew member runs the coffee cups through the dishwasher in the church kitchen. It takes just 5 minutes, and it is one thing you can do to care for God's creation by reducing the waste we produce at St. John's. Each member of our crew signs up for one or two months so that the whole year is covered.

We are looking for someone to cover April and September. Can you help us out during one of these months? If you are interested in joining the crew, contact Kyle at communications@stjohnslubbock.org

Holy Week Devotional

St. John's plans to publish a daily devotion for Holy Week written by members of our church community. If you are interested in writing, please contact Pastor Josh at clergy@stjohnslubbock.org