

**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

*Temptation of Christ*

Peter Koenig

"The image of Christ as a mother hen is revolutionary. Instead of using a hypermasculine, militaristic, menacing image in response to Herod's death threats, Jesus upends the expected posture of violence and chooses to identify with the nurturing, protective, feminine image of a mother hen. He explains his love for Jerusalem as a mother hen who desperately desires to lovingly shelter her young. This image drips of rejection, however, because the chicks are unwilling to be protected. In Jesus' attempt to love the world he meets unwillingness, distrust, mockery, and violence.



Jesus' use of this simile is wonderfully subversive because at first it seems like a harmless, warm, and fuzzy kind of

reference—a cuddly, plump mother hen wanting to snuggle her young—but mother hens will protect their young at all cost. A mother hen will put her whole body on the line to keep her chicks safe; if danger nears, she will meet it head on, striking with her beak, with claws raised high.

Jesus wants that fox (Herod) to know that death threats will not keep him from fiercely bringing healing and restoration to the world."

### Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound

Jane Haynes

Dwight Finckbone

Gary Pate

Glenn Stueve

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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# Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.



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

### ENTRANCE

\*\*Gathering Rev. Josh Stueve

Prelude Ethan Fasnacht, piano

\*Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 27) Rev. Ken Peterson

God is my light and my salvation; of whom should I be afraid?

**Though violence rise all around me I will not be drawn into fear.**

One thing I asked of God, that will I seek after:

**to live in the presence of God all the days of my life, to behold the grace of God, and to inquire in God's temple.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

**Wait for God; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for God!**

\*Hymn No. 64 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples Frank Goode  
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. Josh Stueve  
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 Gabriela Nord  
*Prayer* David Guion

Listening Prayer Rev. Ken Peterson

**Jesus, Mother Hen, gather us under your wing,  
away from the world's anxieties.**

**Give us your peace so that we may be peacemakers.**

\*Gospel Lesson - Luke 13:31-35, p. 77, N.T. Rev. Ken Peterson

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

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

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response Rev. Ken Peterson  
*Excerpt from "A Morning Offering"* John O'Donohue

**May I have the courage today  
To live the life that I would love,  
To postpone my dream no longer  
But do at last what I came here for  
And waste my heart on fear no more.**

### THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

\*Hymn No. 118 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young* CRIMOND

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir  
*Seek the Lord* GENEVA  
*Words can be found in the United Methodist Hymnal No. 124*

\*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. 261 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Lord of the Dance* LORD OF THE DANCE

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve  
**Loving God, when our hearts are heavy and our minds uncertain, you  
revive us with your grace. Fill us with the courage of your love, to be  
light in the world and to not fear the darkness. Send us in the name  
and Spirit of Christ. Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Postlude*

Postlude Ethan Fasnacht, piano

### PFLAG Meeting

PFLAG will hold their monthly meeting at St. John's on Tuesday,  
March 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room.



### Women's Razors for Family Promise

We're helping Family Promise provide women's razors to their clients. Donations of razors can be made to the donation box in the hallway Thursday, March 20 through Sunday, March 30.

### United Women in Faith Sunday

United Women in Faith Sunday will be March 30. Rev. Karen Kidd Lovett will be our guest pastor.



### 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>

### Holy Week Devotional

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

### Bishop's Prayer Meeting

Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. will hold a bilingual prayer meeting in Lubbock on Sunday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m. at Aldersgate Church located at 10306 Indiana Ave.