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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.

Rev. Josh Stueve

Senior Pastor

Rev. Ann Akin

Associate Pastor

Clint Barrick

Organist

Tim Algate

Choral Conductor

David Cranford

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Rachel Shipley

Director of Youth Ministries

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Director of Childcare Ministries

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

From the Lectionary

The Father and I Are One

The Book of Hours

In the context of being accused of blasphemy (on the grounds that he, a human being, had claimed to be God's son) Jesus talks in John 10:22-42 about the nature of his relationship with God.

This English sixteenth-century illumination is one of the most unusual, imaginative, and striking from the wide range of Trinitarian images in the history of Christian art. While the triandric motif (three male figures of identical appearance) was to develop as a type of Trinitarian iconography around the twelfth century, this composition is unique in its superimposition of the sun, its rays both covering and emanating from the Trinity, and pervading the whole page. While Father and Son look almost identical, so as to underscore their oneness and unity, the Holy Spirit's body is rendered in white as a youthful figure, not uncommon in Trinitarian iconography—a pictorial attempt, it seems, to render the non-corporeal, pure, dynamic, ever-alive nature of the Spirit.



Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound & Those in

Assisted Care

Phyllis and Frances Goode

The Family of Julie Shirey

Paul Holligan

Rev. Janie Noble

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 11, 2025

10:30 a.m.



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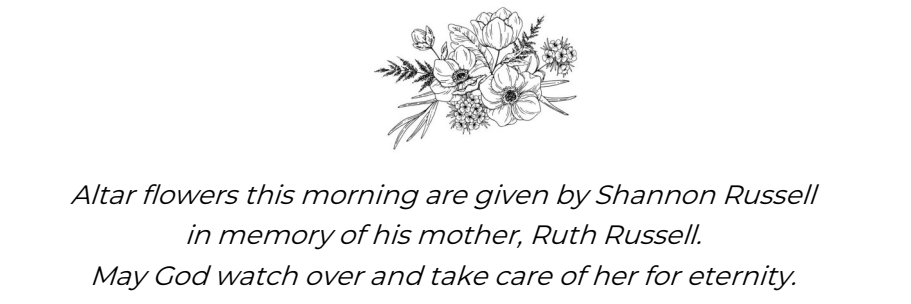
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The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service		
ENTRANCE		
**Gathering	Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin	
Prelude <i>Prayer</i>	Clint Barrick Leon Boellman (1862-1897)	
*Call to Worship	VelvetLee Elder	
God of love, Creator of life, we hear your voice. You call us in love, and we answer. Christ of love, shepherd of your sheep, you lead us out in love. You walk in love, and we follow you. Holy Spirit, breath of love, you give us life that cannot be taken from us. You inspire us now to worship you, and to go forth to serve in love. Alleluia!		
*Hymn No. 64 <i>Holy, Holy, Holy!</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> NICAEA	
A Time for Young Disciples Hymn No. 393 <i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	Marcy Stueve <i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> LIVING GOD	
As the children arrive and depart: <i>1. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.</i>		
Prayers of the People Lord's Prayer God, in your graciousness/mercy Hear our prayer.	Rev. Ann Akin	
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 <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	Coleen Sedberry, soprano, Joylynn Harris, alto John Rutter (b. 1945)	
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE		
Listening Prayer	VelvetLee Elder	
Gentle shepherd, we listen for your voice, the voice of love, the voice of eternal life. We listen, ready to follow.		
Psalter - Psalm 23, p. 501	VelvetLee Elder	
*Gospel Lesson - John 10: 22-30, p. 104, N.T. The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	VelvetLee Elder	
Sermon	Rev. Josh Stueve	
<i>*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk. **Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.</i>		

Poetry Listen, follow	Rev. Ann Akin Steve Garnaas-Holmes
<i>Beloved, give me grace today to listen for your voice, to know the voice of mercy, the call of delight, and to distinguish it from the voice of fear, the voice of resentment or reaction. Help me listen for the voice that knows me, the presence that honors my soul, that delights in me, that magnifies me. Give me grace to trust the voice of love, and to follow. Breath prayer: Listen ... follow</i>	
Baptismal Covenant, p. 33	Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin <i>Jay Julian Pettit</i>
THANKSGIVING	
Invitation to an Offering	Rev. Josh Stueve
*Hymn No. 136 <i>The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> CRIMOND
Anthem <i>All Things New</i>	St. John's Chancel Choir Craig Courtney
<i>Sorrow lingers in the garden, willows weeping, wet with dew. But in the breeze a whispered promise: "I am making all things new." Let the gentle hand of morning brush your eyes that you may see Mercies new and never ceasing into all eternity. As it was in the beginning, in the end, so shall be. Through the cross, a new creation; Christ has won the victory. Alleluia. Step by faith into the promise, bow the knee with voices raised, Singing "holy, holy, holy." in an endless song of praise! Alleluia.</i>	
*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. 671 <i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> SICILIAN MARINERS
Benediction	Rev. Josh Stueve
<i>Please be seated for the Postlude</i>	
Postlude <i>Rigaudon</i>	Clint Barrick Andre Campra (1660-1744)



High School Graduation Sunday
Join us next week as we honor our graduating high school students. There will be special refreshments during the coffee and fellowship time. Join us in celebrating Rachel Barrick, Kamryn Chandler, and Lily Pierce.

Summer Essentials for Open Door
We're supporting Open Door in their mission to support people experiencing poverty, homelessness, and sex trafficking. With summer weather on the way they're in need of the following travel-sized items:
Bugspray
Sunscreen
Lotion
Chapstick
Deodorant
Soap

Items can be dropped off at the bin in the hallway from Sunday, May 4 through Sunday, June 1.

Help the Anwari Family
St. John's is excited to welcome the Anwari Family, newcomers from Afghanistan!

We have been busy since they arrived. We helped furnish the house, organize connections with the local Islamic community, begin necessary paperwork to work and be in the country, and we got three of four children started at Ramirez Elementary School. Thank you for your help! Here are other ways you can help:

Pray. In this overwhelming time, the family welcomes our prayer and support. We know this will take on different forms. Whether it is in word or action, your prayers are welcome.

Donate. There have been many changes to migration practices and policy in recent months. There are fewer services available for newcomers in this country. What is available is more expensive. We invite you to donate towards the costs of furnishing a home, medical screenings, personal insurance, professional certifications, and daily expenses. Gifts of any size are helpful. Please designate your gift with "St. John's Sojourners".

Contact Nancy Clopton at 806-470-0134 to find ways that you can meet a need.