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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.

Rev. Josh Stueve

Senior Pastor

Rev. Ann Akin

Associate Pastor

Clint Barrick

Organist

Tim Algate

Choral Conductor

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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

John Welsey at Prayer

Richard Douglas

From UMC.org:

Aldersgate Day is celebrated on May 24 (or the Sunday closest) to commemorate the day in 1738 when John Wesley experienced assurance of his salvation. Wesley reluctantly attended a group meeting that evening on Aldersgate Street in London. As he heard a reading from Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans, he felt his "heart strangely warmed." Wesley wrote in his journal that at about 8:45 p.m. "while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."



Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound & Those in
Assisted Care

The Family of Julie Shirey

The Family of Johnnie Taylor

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering

Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude

Clint Barrick

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Trad. Scottish Melody

*Call to Worship

Brent Wester

This is the day that God has made.

We will rejoice, and be glad in it!

God, as the earth blossoms with colors, and the scents of new life, our spirits show forth the glory of your grace.

For in raising Christ from death you have given new life to us all.

You have brought us to life with one Spirit breathing in us all.

You have brought us out of our solitary tombs, and made us alive in one body.

You have given us your love, and with Christ you have come and made your home with us.

Alleluia! Awaken us to your presence, God, and to Christ among us, and the Spirit within us; transform us by your grace, that we may serve you faithfully as the Body of your Risen Christ.

*Hymn No. 57

The United Methodist Hymnal

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

A Time for Young Disciples

Kelley LaRue

Hymn No. 393

The United Methodist Hymnal

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

As the children arrive and depart:

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.

Prayers of the People

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

Sara Yancey, soprano

Lord of the Dance

Arr. Mark Hayes

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Lesson - Ephesians 2:1-10, p. 192, N.T.

Brent Wester

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. Ann Akin	
Holy God, in a time of great need you raised up your servants, and by your Spirit inspired them to kindle a flame of sacred love which leaped and ran, an inextinguishable blaze. Grant that all those whose hearts have been warmed at these altar fires, being continually refreshed by your grace, may be so devoted to the increase of scriptural holiness throughout the land that in this our time of great need, your will may fully and effectively be done on earth as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
THANKSGIVING		
Invitation to an Offering	Rev. Josh Stueve	
*Hymn No. 399	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i>	
<i>Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated</i>		MESSIAH
Anthem	St. John's Chancel Choir	
<i>If Ye Love Me</i>		Thomas Tallis
<i>If ye love me, keep my commandments, And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, That he may bide with you forever, Ev'n the spirit of truth, that truth.</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. 593	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i>	
<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>		HERE I AM, LORD
Benediction	Rev. Josh Stueve	
<i>Please be seated for the Postlude</i>		
Postlude	Clint Barrick	
<i>All My Hope on God is Grounded</i>		Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



*Altar flowers this morning are given by Sandra Oringderff
in honor of the community at St. John's. Sandra is moving
to California to be closer to family.*

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.

An Invitation to John

You're invited to join a short 11-week DISCIPLE Bible study group "Invitation to John". The study will begin on Monday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m. Register at <https://bit.ly/Invitation-to-John>

The invitation from Christ is: "Come and see, Follow me". Experience the magnificent passages in John including the I am statements (I am the truth, the life and the way, I am the living water and more). Revisit stories only told in John's gospel including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and the raising of Lazarus.

Participants for this Invitation to John do not have to have an in-depth knowledge of the Bible to enjoy and benefit from participation. Reading just two chapters of John a week, they will discover the life altering stories that will invite them to follow Christ as true disciples.

Contact Jeff Watson or Lola Smith-Gentry for more information.

New Young(ish) Adult Group

We're starting a new group for adults in their mid-20s to early 40s to share in the ups, downs, joys, and challenges of this season of life. You'll find community, encouragement, and a place to talk about faith, purpose, and everyday challenges.

Our first meeting will be a potluck dinner at the church on Thursday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.