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.

Reconciling Ministries Network

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
Healing of the Possessed at Gadarene
Frank Wesley

"This is an unusual work for Frank Wesley because of its abstract form combined with detailed, realistic human faces and hands. The impact is of greater momentum than that found in many other of his paintings. The movement of the demons out of the two twisted figures swirls through the canvas in almost full circle, gradually becoming the head of a thousand-headed cobra as it spills down the hillside in the bodies of the pigs. Demonic faces of men and animals are picked out indistinctly in red, blue and grey.

The artist says that Jesus always meets the needs of people where they are and with only what they require and are able to use or accept at that moment. At the lower right of this work, sharp jagged rocks symbolize the harsh place to which the men were exiled – the world where we all live until healed of our madness by God's love." From *Frank Wesley: Exploring Faith with a Brush* by Naomi Wray

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound & Those in Assisted Care
Robert Bodin
Mary Hamilton
Gary & Debbie Dickey-Pate
Cindy Martin
The Family of Nell Matthews
The Family of Amy Sue Minor

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 22, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Abide with Me — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship — Sarah Nuckolls
The thunder of daily news crashes about us.
But God, you speak in a still, small voice.
The earthquakes of our lives rattle us.
But your quiet, persistent whisper stays with us.
The fire of our fears and desires roars within us.
But your gentle silence invites us in.
We still ourselves, that in the quiet we may hear.

*Hymn No. 428 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
For the Healing of the Nations — CWM RHONDDA

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples — Rev. Josh Stueve
Hymn No. 405 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Seek Ye First — SEEK YE

As the children arrive
1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia

As the children depart
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia

Prayers of the People | Lord's Prayer — Rev. Josh Stueve
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 — Clint Barrick, piano
Prelude in C major — Ludwig van Beethoven

Listening Prayer — Sarah Nuckolls
God of love, we come to listen for your voice, not the voice of power, but the voice of love, not the voice of fear, but the voice of love. In your, small, still voice, speak.

New Testament Lesson - Galatians 3: 26-28, p. 189, N.T. — Sarah Nuckolls

*Gospel Lesson - Luke 8: 26-39, p. 68, N.T. — Rev. Josh Stueve
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

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

Prayer of Response — Sarah Nuckolls
Holy God, there is much that tries to separate us from one another. Creed and color, gender and nation, class and culture call for our fragmentation, but you call us to live together in your grace. You call us your children. You call us beloved. Today, let the refrain: "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" guide us with every step. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 549 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Where Charity and Love Prevail — ST. PETER

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir
Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God — Carl Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me, uphold me with thy free spirit.

*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. 548 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
In Christ There Is No East or West — McKEE

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve
Children of God, you are beloved, and you belong to Christ. You are claimed by God's love, redeemed by Christ's life, and set free to serve in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Holy, Holy, Holy — arr. Dan Miller (b. 1954)

The St. John's Booth at LubbockPRIDE
St. John's will have a booth at the annual LubbockPRIDE event on Saturday, June 28 from Noon—5:00 p.m. Visit the table in the hallway to sign up and learn more about how to help out.

Pride Sunday Worship Service & Celebration
On Sunday, June 29, we'll celebrate Pride Sunday with a special worship service at 10:30 a.m. and a cookout lunch in the backyard following. Bring your favorite dessert to share and plan for a fun time!
If you ordered a new St. John's t-shirt, you're invited to wear it to the service.

Young(ish) Adult Group Meeting
You're invited to the next Young(ish) Adult Group meeting on Monday, June 30.
This time we'll be at Two Docs Brewing Co. for trivia night at 7:00 p.m. Plan to arrive around 6:40 p.m.

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