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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

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Choral Conductor
David Cranford
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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
Ascension
Altarpiece, Thuison-les-Abbeville,
France.

This panel was once part of the altarpiece decorating the high altar of the Carthusian monastery at Thuison, outside of Abbeville in northern France. Four saints standing in niches were painted on the exterior of the altarpiece's wings. When the wings were open, the interior of the altarpiece told the story of Christ's Passion and Resurrection through painted narratives on the inside of the wings and painted and gilded carvings in the central shrine whose central subject was undoubtedly the Crucifixion. The carvings have not survived. The fronts and backs of the wings were sawn apart in the mid 19th century; all the wing panels except one narrative (The Entry into Jerusalem, Hermitage, Saint Petersburg) are in the Art Institute.



Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound & Those in
Assisted Care
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The Family of Johnnie Taylor
Mary Hamilton
Gary & Debbie Dickey-Pate
Ron Williams
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 **ST. JOHN'S**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, June 1, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service		
ENTRANCE		
**Gathering	Revs. Josh Stueve & Dave Treat	
Prelude <i>God of Grace</i>	Michael Mitchell Paul Manz	
*Call to Worship	Estella Gomez	
Holy One, Heart of Heaven, your grace enfolds us. Your Word creates us, and we rejoice in you. You are in us, and we are in you. Risen Christ, you reign over us in love, and with grace you embrace us. You are in us, and we are in you. Holy Spirit, you live in each of us, giving us one shared life. With your people in all nations and traditions, languages and lifestyles, we are one. And we praise you as one people. Alleluia! You are in us, and we are in you. Come, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!		
*Hymn No. 577 <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> CWM RHONDDA	
Prayers of the People Lord's Prayer God, in your graciousness/mercy Hear our 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.		
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE		
Scripture Lesson - Acts 1: 1-11, p. 118, N.T. The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Estella Gomez	
Poetry <i>Ascension</i>	Rev. Dave Treat Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes	
Sermon	Rev. Josh Stueve	
Prayer of Response - based on Ephesians 1: 15-23 O God, God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Mother of Life and Father of glory, Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know you. May the eyes of our hearts be enlightened. May we know the hope to which you have called us. May we behold the riches of your glorious inheritance among the saints. May we know the immeasurable greatness of your power for us who believe. Your great power is at work in us, the same power you put to work in raising Christ. Christ is far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. You have put all things under his feet and have made him the head over	Rev. Dave Treat	
<i>*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.</i> <i>**Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.</i>		

all things for the church.		
We, the church, are his Body, his real Presence, through which he fills the world. Bless us that we may be filled with Christ, and fill the world with his love. Amen.		
*Hymn No. 70 <i>Gloria Patri</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> MEINEKE	
Anthem <i>The Lord is My Shepherd</i>	St. John's Chancel Choir Allen Pote	
<i>Anthem text can be found in the Bible on p. 501</i>		
THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION		
Please approach the altar using the center aisle. You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please speak your name to the servers so that you may receive the bread and cup by name. We receive by intinction. (As you receive the bread, hold it until the cup is offered. Dip the bread into the cup and then eat.)		
When you are ready, you may return to your seat using the side aisles. If you are unable to come to the altar, please tell an usher so that we may serve you in your seat. Our communion bread is vegan, free of dairy, egg, and gluten.		
<i>All people gathered to worship God are invited to receive the bread and the cup.</i> Communion Stewards: Jennifer Pierce & Allison Matherly		
Invitation to the Table The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting C, p. 20 Sharing the Bread and Cup Invitation to an Offering	Revs. Josh Stueve & Dave Treat	
Music for Communion		
Hymn No. 613 <i>O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> LAND OF REST	
Hymn No. 614 <i>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> FOR THE BREAD	
Hymn No. 618 <i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> LET US BREAK BREAD	
Prayer after Communion	Rev. Josh Stueve	
As wheat is gathered and made into one loaf, so we have been made in Christ's love. As bread rises, Christ has risen into a new form, and is alive in us. Send us now as the Body of Christ, moved by the Spirit of Christ, to join in the loving work of Christ, for the healing of the world. Amen.		
*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. 545	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i>	
<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	AURELIA	
Benediction	Rev. Josh Stueve	
You have come to this Table in faith; go in peace. Know the God of peace goes with you.		
<i>Please be seated for the Postlude</i>		
Postlude	Michael Mitchell	
<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert	

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.



New St. John's T-Shirts
We're excited to share 3 new t-shirt designs that are available to pre-order. The last day to order a shirt will be Sunday, June 8. Shirts start at \$15 and will be available to pick up starting Sunday, June 22.

Summer Choir
You're invited to join the summer choir! Join for one Wednesday night rehearsal on Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. The summer choir will also rehearse each Sunday morning in June at 10:00 a.m. before the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Music experience can vary.

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!