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

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
From the Lord's Prayer
Cara B. Hochhalter

"We hear the "Lord's Prayer" a little differently in this version from Luke. I focused on feeding and forgiving, these two aspects of the prayer Jesus taught. Being hungry and being in debt make people poor in our country and world. Then, so often people become victims of their own poverty... Perhaps God's kingdom (kin-dom) comes on earth as we focus on feeding and forgiving, on bread and friendship, and finding equitable solutions for those who are in debt..."

The Rev. Cara B. Hochhalter is a United Church of Christ (UCC) minister. She received her Masters of Divinity from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in Minnesota, where she studied the intersections of art, theology and justice. She served the Charlemont Federated Church in Massachusetts for ten years and now lives in Hyde Park, New York.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound & Those in Assisted Care
Robert Bodin
Cindy Martin
Brandi Spence
The Family of Gary Pate

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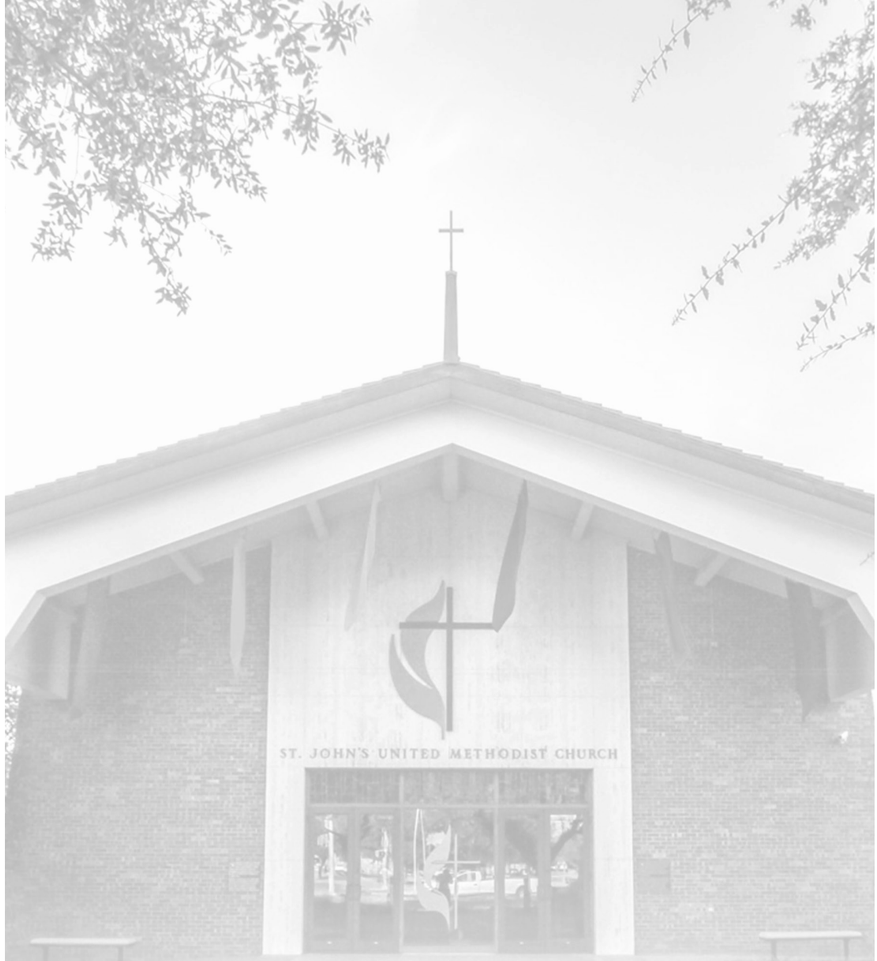

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 27, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Air — George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

*Call to Worship — VelvetLee Elder
Ask, and it will be given to you.
Loving God, we ask for life and peace. Grant us your grace.
Search, and you will find.
Christ, we are searching for your Way. Grant us your grace.
Knock, and the door will be opened.
Spirit, we come knocking at the door of this moment.
Open to us, as we open our hearts to you. Grant us your grace.

*Hymn No. 102 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Now Thank We All Our God — NUN DANKET

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples — Coleen Sedberry
Hymn No. 141 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Children of the Heavenly Father — TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

As the children arrive & depart:
1. Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

Prayers of the People | Lord's Prayer — Rev. Ann Akin
God, in your graciousness/mercy
Hear our prayer.

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 — Jeannie Barrick

Listening Prayer — VelvetLee Elder
You give us each day our daily bread; you give us each moment the breath we need.
We open our hearts to your holy presence. May your love blossom in our hearts.

Scripture Lesson - Luke 11:1-13, p. 72, N.T. — VelvetLee Elder
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
Most compassionate Life-giver,
may we honor and praise you:
may we work with you to establish
your new order of justice, peace and love.
Give us what we need for growth,
and help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness.
Strengthen us in the time of testing,
that we may resist all evil.
For all the tenderness,
strength and love are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 610 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
We Know That Christ is Raised — ENGELBERG

*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 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
The Church's One Foundation — AURELIA

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Fantasia — Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AT ST. JOHN'S
JULY 31 - AUGUST 1

Have You Registered for VBS?
Join us for Discovery on Adventure Island at St. John's UMC — a two-day Vacation Bible School filled with hands-on fun as we explore how God's light shines in each of us.

When: July 31 & August 1 from 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. On August 2 we will have an end-of-summer celebration pool party at the Texas Tech Leisure Pool.

Register your camper at https://bit.ly/SJUMCvbs2025

Next Young(ish) Adult Group Meeting
The next Young(ish) Adult Group meeting will be Saturday, August 9 at 5:00 p.m. at the parsonage for a build-your-own-taco bar.

The Young(ish) Adult Group is 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 10 St. John's will honor and recognize those in the education field at our annual Blessing of the Backpacks worship service. All are invited to join and receive a free backpack tag.

Supporting Raider Red's Food Pantry
We're helping out Raider Red's Food Pantry at Texas Tech! From August 10 through 24 we'll be collecting various canned goods to help keep their pantry stocked. We'll send out the full list next week.