

**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.

Rev. Josh Stueve

Senior Pastor

Rev. Ann Akin

Associate Pastor

Clint Barrick

Organist

Tim Algate

Choral Conductor

David Cranford

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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 Rich Fool
JESUS MAFA

Vie de Jesus Mafa (Life of Jesus Mafa) was an initiative undertaken in the 1970s to help teach the gospel in Northern Cameroon. French Catholic missionary François Vidil worked with Mafa Christian communities in Cameroon to create an enormous catalogue of paintings depicting the life of Jesus as an African man. The plan was to build a resource that would help Mafa people to teach from the bible in a way that connects with their community.

Vidil formed a team of local church leaders, theologians and a carefully selected artist. The team would spend time in Mafa communities, reading bible passages and getting people to reenact them. Vidil and his team would photograph their reenactments as the artist sketched them. These sketches and photographs became the basis of the final paintings in this collection.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound & Those in

Assisted Care

Robert Bodin

The Family of Gary Pate

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 3, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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| ENTRANCE | |
| **Gathering | Rev. Josh Stueve |
| Prelude <i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i> | Clint Barrick French Carol Melody |
| *Call to Worship All of Creation surrounds us, the great Circle of Life. We are a part of the circle. We give thanks to you, O God our Creator! God has blessed us with all living things, and with the gift of love. Christ, our Teacher, lead us in the path of love, the Way of Life. Every living thing bears glory to God. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with your grace, that we may bear fruit and give glory to God, in our worship now, and in all of our lives. Alleluia! | Brent Wester |
| *Hymn No. 62, v. 1-5 <i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> | <i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> LASST UNS ERFREUEN |
| PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE | |
| 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. | |
| Act of Praise <i>Balm in Gilead</i> | Lory Powers, soprano |
| Listening Prayer Holy One, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen. | Brent Wester |
| Scripture Lesson - Isaiah 60: 1-3, p. 690 The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. | Brent Wester |
| Notes from Vacation Bible School | VBS Students and Volunteers |
| Sermon | Rev. Josh Stueve |
| *Affirmation of Faith No. 882 <i>The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version</i> | <i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> Brent Wester |
| *Hymn No. 70 <i>Gloria Patri</i> | <i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> MEINEKE |

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. They currently need the following:

- Peanut butter (creamy or crunchy)
- Canned proteins (salmon, chicken, tuna, spam)
- Hygiene products (toothpaste, men's/women's deodorant)
- 1 lb. bagged beans (lentils, black, pinto, garbanzo)
- 1 lb. bagged rice

Donations can be dropped off in the hallway starting Sunday, August 10.