

**WE'RE
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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

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



World Communion Sunday began as World-Wide Communion Sunday at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination.

Rev. Kerr appropriately chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity.

"The term Holy Communion invites us to focus...on the holiness of our communion with God and one another," states This Holy Mystery, The United Methodist Church's official statement on the sacrament.

In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which included all of the predecessor denominations of The United Methodist Church, adopted World-Wide Communion Sunday. The global celebration occurs on the first Sunday in October.

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Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council,
and Ministries

St. John's Members who are
homebound or in assisted care

St. John's Sojourner's ministry and the
Anwari Family

Nathan Holland

(brother of Nick & Joey Holland-Garcia)

Judy Butler

(cousin of Larry Howard)

The Family of Jose Portillo

(Larry Howard's former co-worker)

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ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 5, 2025

10:30 a.m.



ST. JOHN'S
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Address: 1501 University Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering

Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude

Clint Barrick

Let Us Break Bread Together

Afro-American Spiritual

*Call to Worship

Alan Winner

Creator of the universe,
you bring forth all Creation, and we belong.
You give birth to all peoples;
you create one human family, and we belong.
You feed us with your love;
you make of us one Body in your Spirit, and we belong.
We come together to worship and to feast on your love. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 97

The United Methodist Hymnal

For the Fruits of This Creation

EAST ACKLAM

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

Paul Shuey & Family

Dona Nobis Pacem

Dona Nobis Pacem translated means 'give us peace.'

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Listening Prayer

Alan Winner

Gracious God, Christians around the world gather at this very table. Open our hearts and minds to your presence in the Body of Christ. Help us to find belonging, to listen for your call, and to welcome others to your table. Amen.

Scripture Lesson - 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27, p. 174, N.T.

Alan Winner

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Josh Stueve

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Ann Akin

We give our hearts to God, Creator of us all.

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

We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, God's love in us. By that spirit we seek healing and justice for all Creation.		
Anthem	St. John's Chancel Choir, Logan Drum, soloist	
<i>Prayer of St. Francis</i>	Allen Pote	
<i>Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.</i>	<i>to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.</i>	
<i>Where there is hatred, let me sow love.</i>	<i>Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.</i>	
<i>Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.</i>	<i>Where there is hatred, let me sow love.</i>	
<i>Where there is doubt, let there be faith.</i>	<i>For it is in giving that we receive, And it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.</i>	
<i>Where there is despair, let me bring hope.</i>	<i>And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.</i>	
<i>Where there is darkness, let there be light.</i>	<i>Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.</i>	
<i>Where there is sadness, let there be joy.</i>		
<i>O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,</i>		
THANKSGIVING & 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: Leslie Cranford & Joylynn Harris		
Invitation to the Table	Rev. Josh Stueve & Rev. Ann Akin	
The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting B, p. 18, Gregory Brooks, cantor		
Sharing the Bread and Cup		
Invitation to an Offering		
Music for Communion	Thomas, Tallis	
<i>If Ye Love Me</i>	<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, Ee'n the spirit of truth.</i>	
Hymn No. 620	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i>	
<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	ONE BREAD, ONE BODY	
Hymn No. 617	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i>	
<i>I Come with Joy</i>	DOVE OF PEACE	
Prayer after Communion	Rev. Ann Akin	
Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. As many grains are made one in a loaf of bread, you make us one Body in Christ by your love. Send us into the world to love courageously and to serve humbly, for the sake of the healing and harmony of all Creation. 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. 548 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
In Christ There Is No East or West McKEE

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

You have come to this Table in faith; go in peace. Know the God of
peace goes with you.


Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick
Hornpipe G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Game Day Parking

We need volunteers to help work the parking
lot on game days!

Sign up by scanning the QR code or by
emailing Jay or Coleen Sedberry at
jay.and.coleen@gmail.com The next home
game is Saturday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m. The
parking lot will open at 2:30 p.m.



United Women in Faith

The next UWF meeting will be on Saturday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m.
at St. John's. VelvetLee Elder will lead the program "World Thank
Offering Program – Giving as an Expression of Our Faith."
All women of the church are invited to join.

Celebrating Dylan & Rachel

The St. John's youth parents will be hosting a shower for Dylan &
Rachel on Saturday, October 18 from 1:00—3:00 p.m. at the home of
Donna Chander (5001 95th St.). All are invited to join in celebration!