

**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



From the Lectionary

The Pharisee and the Publican
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.

Please Remember in Prayer:

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

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

Angus Scott-Fleming

(brother of Ian Scott-Fleming)

The Family of Josefita Padilla

Michelle Tucek

(niece of VelvetLee Elder)

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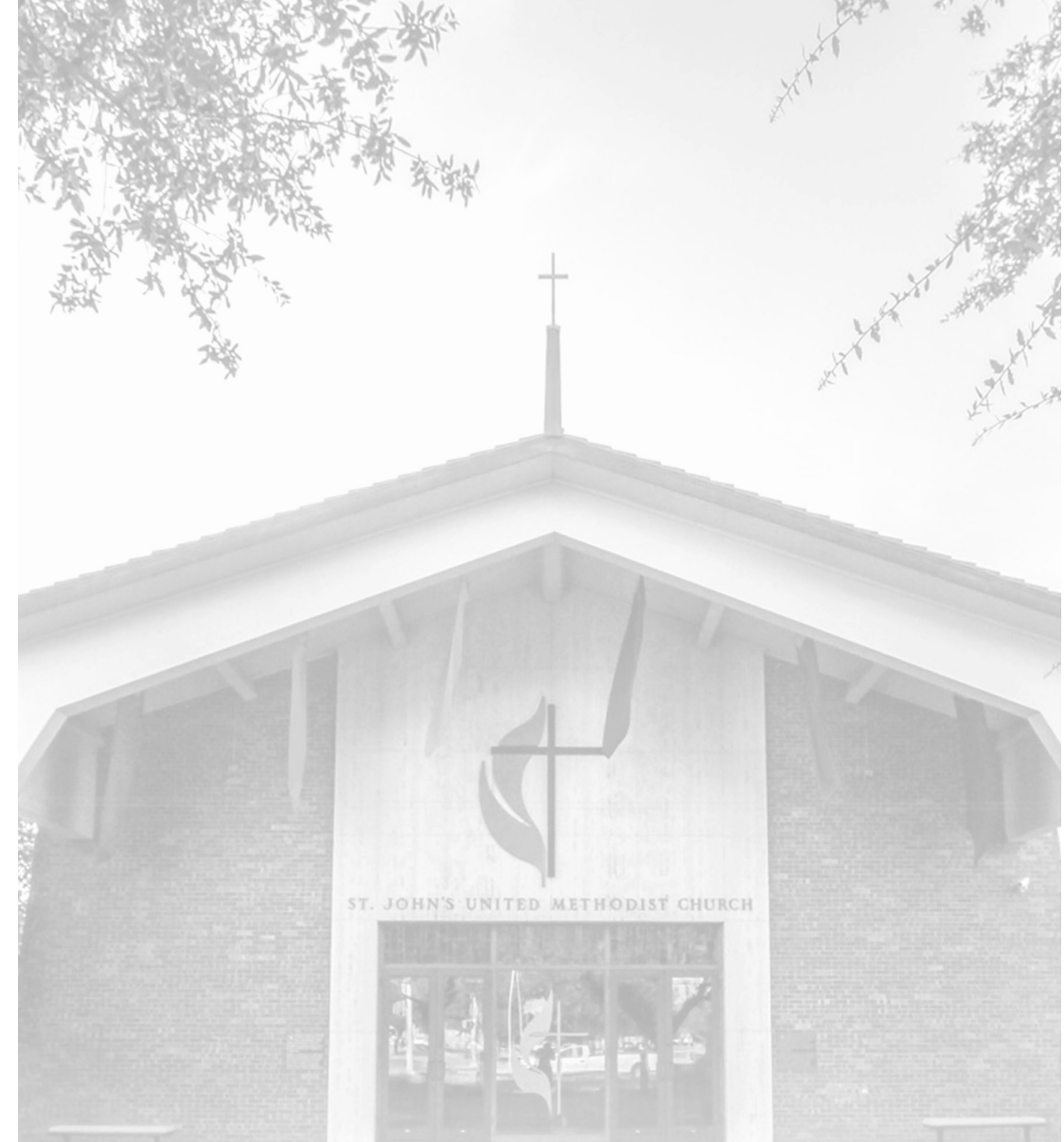


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ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 26, 2025

10:30 a.m.



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

ENTRANCE

*GatheringRevs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin

PreludeClint Barrick

*We, Thy People, Praise Thee*Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Call to WorshipCraig Rutherford

God, not by our strength,
but by your grace we come.
Not because of our righteousness,
but in your grace, you love us.
Not by our effort,
but by your Spirit in us, our praise overflows.
We thank you. We bless you. We worship you.

Hymn No. 132The United Methodist Hymnal

*All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded*MICHAEL

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young DisciplesMarcy Stueve

Hymn No. 405The United Methodist Hymnal

*Seek Ye First*SEEK YE

As the children arriveAs the children depart

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God**Ask, and it shall be given unto you;*
*and His righteousness,**seek, and you shall find.*
*and all these things**Knock, and the door shall*
*shall be added unto you.**be opened unto you.*
*Allelu, Alleluia!**Allelu, Alleluia!*

Following the message, children in the nursery will have a fall celebration with games, arts & crafts, snacks and a treat.

Prayers of the People | Lord's PrayerRev. Josh Stueve

God, in your graciousness/mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's 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 PraiseAlan Winner, baritone

*Come, Thou Fount*arr. Mark Hayes

Listening PrayerCraig Rutherford

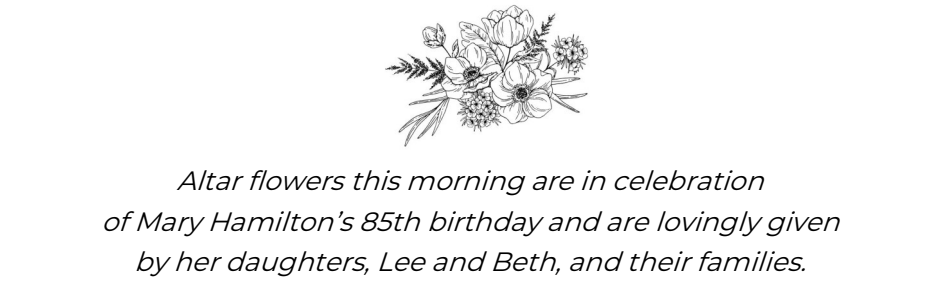
Jesus, Beloved, have mercy on me, a sinner.
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Gospel Lesson - Luke 18: 9-14, p. 81, N.T.Craig Rutherford

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon	Rev. Ann Akin
Prayer of Confession	Rev. Josh Stueve
The grace of God is with you. And also with you. Trusting in God's tender mercy, we open ourselves in honesty to God. God of love, help us to see ourselves with the eyes of love, to see all that is in us that is loving, and all that is not loving. By the grace you show us in Christ, forgive us, heal us, and perfect your love in us. God, be merciful to me, a sinner.	
<i>(Silent prayer)</i>	
Rejoice, for God has mercy upon us in our sin, and holds us close to God's heart.	
THANKSGIVING	
Invitation to an Offering	Rev. Josh Stueve
*Hymn, No. 2213	<i>The Faith We Sing</i>
<i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	
Anthem	St. John's Chancel Choir, Jeannie Barrick, soloist
<i>Kyrie</i>	Schubert
<i>Kyrie eleison Christe eleison Kyrie eleison</i>	
*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. 121	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i>
<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	
WELLESLEY	
Benediction	Rev. Ann Akin
Merciful God, you give each of us gifts which are precious for the mending of the world. Let us use our gifts to love you and love our neighbors more deeply, in the name of Christ, for the sake of the healing of the world. Amen.	
<i>Please be seated for the Postlude</i>	
Postlude	Clint Barrick
<i>Prelude in F major</i>	
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)	



Altar flowers this morning are in celebration of Mary Hamilton's 85th birthday and are lovingly given by her daughters, Lee and Beth, and their families.

All Saints' Sunday
All Saints' Sunday is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church. St. John's will name the members of our congregation who died in the past year. All Saints' Sunday will be next week on November 2.



Friendsgiving Lunch
You're invited to join St. John's for a Friendsgiving Lunch on Sunday, November 2 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

We're asking everyone to bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish/ dessert AND the recipe to share. Meat will be provided by the church.

Reception for Allison & Jennifer
The Animus Sunday School class will be holding a reception for Allison Matherly & Jennifer Pierce on Sunday, November 9 during the 10:00 a.m. coffee and fellowship time in the Garden Room. All are invited to join in celebration of their upcoming wedding in November.

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