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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.

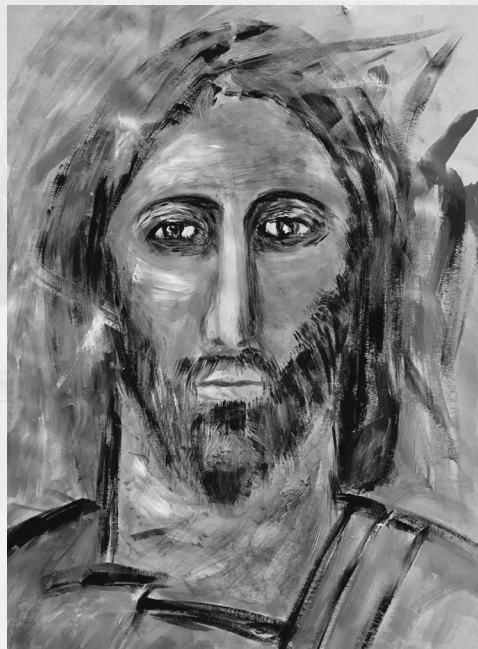
Meet Our Staff.

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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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

Christ the King
Ronald Raab

The conclusion of the liturgical year brings us to Christ the King. In the end, the repentant thief received Jesus' forgiveness just before his death. In the end we all find what we need. We are adopted by the Savior. We belong to Him. He knows each of us. He wants us all to find such a grin and warm hugs on our adopted day; the day of baptism. No matter our sin, our heartache, our fear, Jesus reaches out to us, no matter what.

Christ the King lives in us. We are all different. Yet, we get what we long for. In the end, all will be well. In the end, we shall discover that only God unites us to others and ultimately to Himself. Jesus remembers us. He will provide what we need, to be adopted in Paradise even here on earth.

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 Red (Alan) Hersom
(brother of Norma Rutherford)
Dale Bradley
(brother of Craig Bradley)

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ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reign of Christ Sunday

Sunday, November 23, 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
O Splendor of God's Glory Bright William Knapp (1689-1768)

*Call to Worship Gregory Brookes
In thanksgiving we gather to worship you, O God!
For your abundant blessings we thank you, O God.
For the love of Christ, who reveals your presence to us, we praise you.
For your grace and love, and for the reign of Christ, we thank you, O God.
For your call to serve you and your cry for mercy and justice that raises us to action, we thank you.
In the power of your Spirit alive in us, shining with your light, we worship you.

*Hymn No. 103 The United Methodist Hymnal
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Reading of Luke 1: 68-79 (Zechariah's Song) Rev. Josh Stueve

A Time for Young Disciples Rev. Josh Stueve
Hymn No. 707 The United Methodist Hymnal
Hymn of Promise PROMISE

As the children arrive In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.	As the children depart There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
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Baptismal Covenant II - p. 39 The United Methodist Hymnal
Harper Grace Pierce-Wertzberger
Benjamin Raymond Matherly

Following the message, children Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to Sunday School for storytelling, arts & crafts & a snack. We will meet at the church nursery.

Prayers of the People | Lord's Prayer Rev. Ann Akin
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.

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

Act of Praise Paul Shuey, Baritone
Thus Saith the Lord G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
& But Who May Abide (Messiah)

*Gospel Lesson - Luke 23: 33-43, p. 89, N.T. Gregory Brookes
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Responsive Reading - Colossians 1: 15-20 Rev. Ann Akin
Read from the *First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament*

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn, No. 168 The United Methodist Hymnal
At the Name of Jesus KING'S WESTON

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
"Gloria" from Mozart's Coronation Mass Emma Porter, Elli Mendoza,
Logan Drum, Connor Jenkins, soloists
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, Adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, Suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris, Amen.	Glory to God in the highest, And peace on earth to men of good will. We praise you, we bless you, We worship you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, King of Heaven, God the Father Almighty. Lord only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You who take away the sin of the world, Have mercy on us. You who take away the sin of the world, Hear our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father, Amen.
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*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. 559 The United Methodist Hymnal
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Benediction (Luke 1: 76-79) Rev. Josh Stueve
You, children, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare a way for God,
to give knowledge of salvation to all people by enacting the forgiveness of their sins.
By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick, organ, Archie Echols, piano
How Great Thou Art arr. Bob Ralston



Altar flowers this morning are in celebration
of Allison Matherly-Pierce & Jennifer Pierce's wedding
on Saturday, November 22, 2025

United Women in Faith Bake Sale
The United Women in Faith Bake Sale is this morning in the hallway! Be sure to stock up on sweet treats for the Thanksgiving holiday while supporting United Women in Faith.

Office Hours Next Week
The church office will be open normal hours (8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.) Monday and Tuesday and by appointment on Wednesday. The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will resume normal hours on Monday, December 1.

Lessons & Carols
Through scripture and song, join St. John's as we reflect on the promise of joy and peace that shines even in the weariness of life. Sunday, December 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Advent Fair
Join St. John's on Sunday, December 7 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. for our Journey to Bethlehem Advent Fair! Come and go among a variety of craft stations for all ages—make ornaments, gifts, and simple decorations to take home or share. Enjoy time singing or listening to Christmas carols, then gather for hot chocolate, cookies, and a telling of the Christmas story.

Come as you are, bring your family and friends, and take time to slow down and follow the star together this Advent season.