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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 Manche Masemola, South African Martyr Westminster Abbey

Manche Masemola, a young Pedi woman, passed her short life in Sekhukhuneland, an area to the northeast of modern Johannesburg. The Pedi people were confined to reserved lands that were barren, and they worked hard to eke out a living there.

Manche was born in about 1913, in Marishane. She grew up with her parents, two older brothers, a younger sister, Mabule, and a cousin, Lucia. She did not go to school but worked with her family on the land and at home.



Manche's parents sought to discourage her, fearful that she would leave them, or refuse to marry. When she defied their prohibitions they beat her. On a number of occasions Manche remarked to Lucia and Moeka that she would die at their hands. Then, on or near 4th February 1928, her mother and father took her away to a lonely place and killed her. She was buried next to a granite rock on a remote hillside.

In 1935 a little group of Christians made a pilgrimage to the grave. In 1975 the name of Manche Masemola was added to the calendar of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Now, hundreds visit the pilgrimage site every August.

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)

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ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 16, 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 <i>We Gather Together</i>	Clint Barrick 16th Century Dutch Melody
*Call to Worship <i>(inspired by Isaiah 65: 17-25)</i> Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ, For the Lord our God is doing a new thing! The old order is gone, everything is new! Illness, disease, crying and mourning, shall be as a distant memory! Hatred and war shall cease from the earth, For Christ has risen! Death is defeated! Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Hallelujah! Amen.	Marcy Stueve

*Hymn No. 92 <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> DIX
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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples Hymn No. 707 <i>Hymn of Promise</i>	Zoe Bradley <i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> PROMISE
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As the children arrive <i>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.</i>	As the children depart <i>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.</i>
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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 God, in your graciousness/mercy Hear our prayer.	Rev. Ann Akin
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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 Praise <i>Amazing Grace</i>	Conner Jenkins & Logan Drum, tenors arr. Benjamin Harlen
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Listening Prayer God of Peace, when all about us is chaos we root ourselves in your peace. We fill ourselves with your love.	Marcy Stueve
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*Gospel Lesson - Luke 21: 5-19, p. 85, N.T. The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Marcy Stueve
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Sermon	Rev. Josh Stueve
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Affirmation of Faith Gracious God, we are your creation, made in your image. We belong to you. We give you our lives. Receive them with love.	Rev. Ann Akin
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Loving Christ, you healed and taught; you fed and forgave. You gathered a community of justice and hospitality. For your justice you were crucified, but by the grace of God you were resurrected..
We offer ourselves to die and rise with you, to live and work for healing and justice in your name. We commit our lives and our gifts to your service.

Holy Spirit, you give us life. In gratitude we give our lives to you.
Fill us with your courage and compassion. Grant us the gifts we need to bear witness to your love in this troubled world, for the sake of the wholeness of all Creation, in the name and the spirit of Christ.

Bless your church, that by your loving presence in us we may faithfully proclaim your gospel in all we do. We consecrate our gifts to your purposes.
We commit ourselves to you and to one another for the sake of your ministry in and through us. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering	Rev. Josh Stueve
*Hymn, No. 694 <i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Anthem <i>Lead On, Eternal Sovereign</i>	St. John’s Chancel Choir, Jadyn Sedberry, oboe, Conner Jenkins, cello Gustav Holst arr. Hal H. Hopson

<i>Lead on, eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way; loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day: through prayerful preparation, your grace will make us strong, to carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.</i>	<i>not let us fall, our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.</i>
<i>Lead on, eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear, for in each human conflict your words of strength we hear: that we serve with gladness, you will</i>	<i>Lead on, eternal Sovereign, till sin’s fierce war shall cease, And all your saints together will sing a hymn of peace; Then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free, To love and serve each other for all eternity.</i>
	<i>Lead on, Lead on; Alleluia! Alleluia!</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 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.	Rev. Josh Stueve
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*Hymn, No. 529 <i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> FOUNDATION
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Benediction Go forth into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. Live the dream. Make it reality. Live the new creation. Amen.	Rev. Josh Stueve
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Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude <i>Musica Ricercata VII</i>	Heriberto Ramirez, piano Gyorgy Ligeti (1923-2006)
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PFLAG Monthly Meeting
The Lubbock chapter of PFLAG will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room at St. John’s.

Winter Essentials Supporting Open Door & Common Table
St. John’s will be collecting winter essentials to donate to Open Door and Common Table. Donations can be dropped off at the church between November 30 and December 14. We are collecting:
Gloves, Beanies, & Hand Warmers
Socks & Underwear (New Only)
Heavy Coats
Sleeping Bags

United Women in Faith Bake Sale
Consider donating a few baked goods and plan to purchase even more at the annual United Women in Faith Bake Sale on Sunday, November 23.

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