

### Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed starting Thursday, December 25. The office will reopen on Monday, January 5.

### End of Year Giving

For end-of-year giving, you have several options.

1. You can donate on the church website ([stjohnslubbock.org](http://stjohnslubbock.org)) or on Realm at [www.onrealm.org/stjohnslubbock](http://www.onrealm.org/stjohnslubbock).

2. You may also mail in your donations.

As long as the donation is postmarked by December 31, it will count toward your 2025 contributions, even if the church doesn't receive it until January. (Contribution statements for 2025 will be in the mail in mid-late January.)

## WAYS TO GIVE



### ONLINE

GIVE YOUR GIFT ONLINE  
AT  
[STJOHNSLUBBOCK.ORG](http://STJOHNSLUBBOCK.ORG)



### MAIL

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LUBBOCK, TX  
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### TEXT

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## First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 28, 2025

10:30 a.m.



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

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## ENTRANCE

\*\*Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin

Prelude Archie Echols  
*O Come All Ye Faithful*

\*Call to Worship Craig Rutherford  
Love is infinite, enveloping all that is.  
**Love is as invisible as gravity, and just as strong.**  
Love is the seed of the universe, the womb of life.  
**Love is God, eternal and perfect.**  
And yet love is also made flesh, right here and now.  
**Love has been born among us, and within us.**  
**Christ is born! Alleluia!**

\*Hymn No. 230 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples Kelley LaRue  
Hymn No. 217 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Away in a Manger* AWAY IN A MANGER

### As the children come forward:

*Away in a manger,  
no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his  
sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down  
where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus,  
asleep on the hay.*

### As the children depart:

*Be near me, Lord Jesus,  
I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever,  
and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children  
in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven  
to live with thee there.*

Prayer of Confession & Pardon Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Act of Praise Allison Matherly  
*What Child is This* arr. Spencer Hall

\*Gospel Reading - John 1: 1-14, p. 91-92, N.T. Craig Rutherford  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

Homily

Rev. Josh Stueve

Affirmation of Faith Rev. Ann Akin  
Like Mary,  
**we believe in cherishing good news.**  
Like the angels,  
**we believe in singing God's praise.**  
Like the shepherds,  
**we believe that God's presence in our life is something worth talking about.**  
Like generations before,  
**we believe that God is with us.**  
Like the generations to come,  
**we believe that God is with us.**  
God is here. God is love.  
**We believe. Thanks be to God!**

## THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

\*Hymn No. 242 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Love Came Down at Christmas* GARTAN

\*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, who power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## SENDING FORTH

Invitation Rev. Josh Stueve

\*Hymn No. 246 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

Postlude Dr. Isaac Echols  
*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Johann Sebastian Bach