

**WE'RE
SO GLAD
YOU JOINED
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
Director of
Music Ministries
David Cranford
Facilities Manager
John Dotts
Assistant Facilities Manager

Rachel Blackwell
Director of Youth Ministries
Kyle Collins
Director of
Communications
Trish Hernandez
Director of Childcare Ministries



From the Lectionary

The Heavens Opened, A Dove Descended
Edie Mae Herrel

Edie Mae Herrel, the multi-talented and award-winning artist, developed her distinctive style in etching and printmaking, characterized by delicacy and attention to detail. Her artwork, stimulated by biblical scripture, encourages her observers to connect deeply with spirituality and inspires them to live by the beliefs of love, truth, and joy.

Edie Mae's style displays the incredible delicacies and attention to design and detail of a cameo and her forceful yet sensitive etchings, and many published works; "notes from the scriptures" as well as her pen and ink "Historical Images" and "portraits of memories" express a fresh crisp statement of faith, truths and reality. She is constantly experimenting in a wide variety of media and styles of printmaking.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small
Council, and Ministries
St. John's Members who are
homebound or in assisted care
Julia Christensen
Jowannah Ellis
Glenn Stueve
The Mortensen Family

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ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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ENTRANCE

**Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick
Prelude in C David Johnson (1922-1987)

Call to Worship Rev. Ken Peterson
 Jesus asked John's followers, "What are you looking for?"
We are looking for you, God.
 They asked him, "Where are you staying?"
Where shall we look for you?
 He answered, "Come and see."
We come to you, God. We draw near to look and listen, to behold you among us. We come to worship.

*Hymn No. 568 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Christ for the World We Sing ITALIAN HYMN

A Time for Young Disciples Rev. Josh Stueve
 Hymn No. 393 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Spirit of the Living God LIVING GOD

As the children arrive & depart:
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Prayers of the People | The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ann Akin
 God in your graciousness/mercy
Hear our prayers.

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 Rev. Ann Akin & Clint Barrick, piano
Blessed Assurance arr. Larry Woods

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Listening Prayer Rev. Ken Peterson
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, give us your humble love, your gentle courage, your trust in the mystery of grace. The heart of our hearts rises to follow you.

*Gospel Lesson - John 1: 29-42, p. 92, N.T. Rev. Ken Peterson
 The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

*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.*

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Response Rev. Ann Akin
God of grace, in this world hurt by hate, fear, violence and greed, we need Jesus. We need your Lamb of Love to forgive us, teach us, & lead us. Open our hearts to hear Jesus' call and to follow, that we too may become your lambs of love, in the name of Christ and the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 579 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here CAREY'S (SURREY)

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
Agnus Dei from Missa Rigensis Uğis Prauliņš

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*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. 2130 *The Faith We Sing*
The Summons KELVINGROVE

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve
Lamb of God, you go with us.
We bear your love onto this hurting world.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick
All My Hope on God is Founded Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



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<p>Rev. Josh Stueve</p> <p><i>Methodist Hymnal</i> CAREY'S (SURREY)</p> <p>John's Chancel Choir Uģis Prauliņš</p> <p><i>the world,</i></p>	 <p>A graphic for "Dinner For 8" featuring five circular icons of various dishes (salad, fruit, bread, meat, and vegetables) on the left. On the right, the text reads "YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN" in small caps, followed by "Dinner For 8" in a large, bold, serif font.</p>
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