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.

Reconciling Ministries Network

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
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John Dotts
Assistant Facilities Manager

Rachel Blackwell
Director of Youth Ministries

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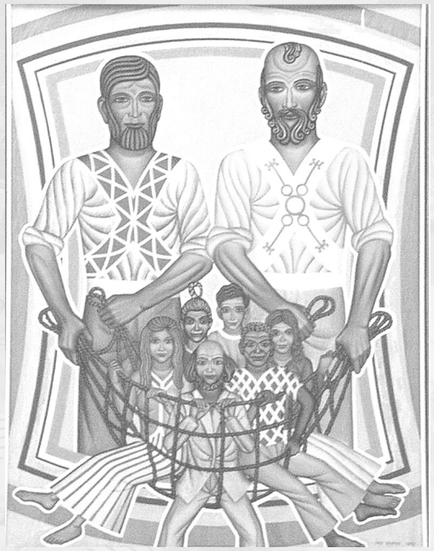

From the Lectionary
St. Peter and St. Andrew
Peter Koenig

Peter Koenig is a Catholic artist whose goal in life is "to paint the drama, romance and poetry of the sacred book." In this painting, he depicts the calling of the disciples, specifically the apostles Peter and Andrew. Peter appears on the right with his characteristic curly hair and beard and Andrew stands beside him. Just as Jesus foretold, they are fishing for people: "'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him." The people in their net represent a diverse group, showing that they have followed Jesus' command to preach the gospel to all nations.

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
The Family of Kobe Pena
Rev. Janie Noble

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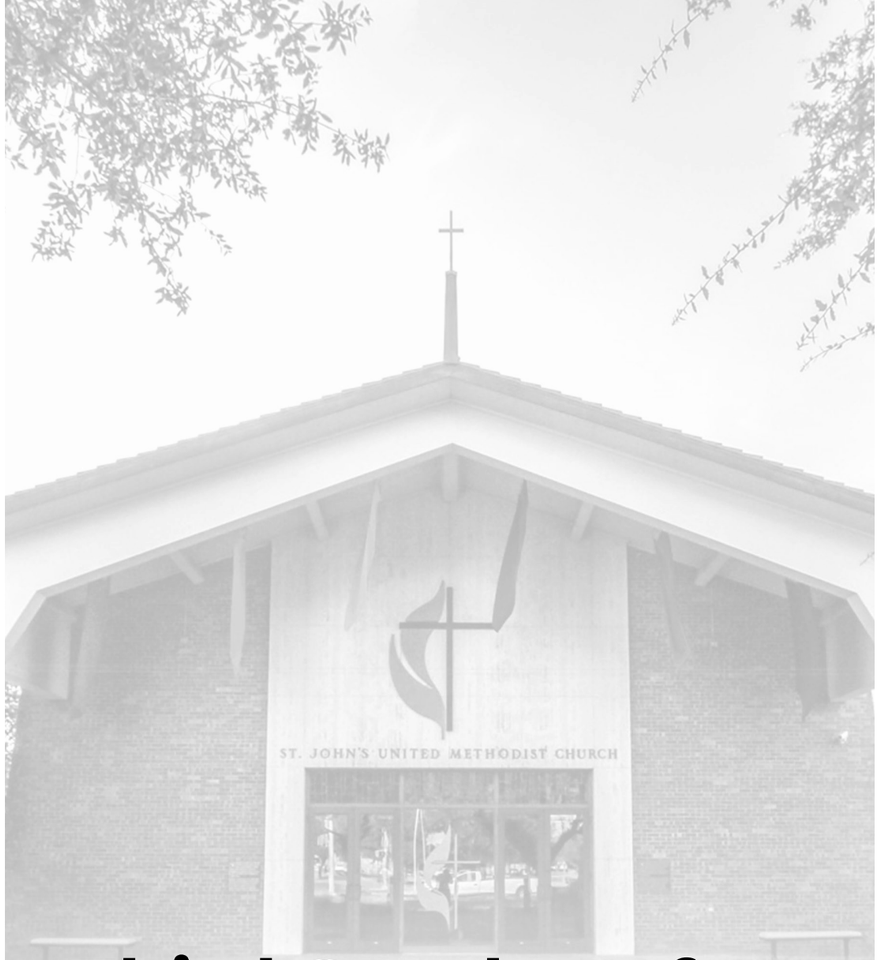

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Fantasie — Paulus Hofhaymer (1449-1537)

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 9:2-4, the Message) — Dylan and Rachel Blackwell
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.
For those who lived in a land of deep shadows—
light! sunbursts of light!
You repopulated the nation,
you expanded its joy.
Oh, they're so glad in your presence!
Festival joy!
The joy of a great celebration,
sharing rich gifts and warm greetings.
The abuse of oppressors and cruelty of tyrants—
all their whips and clubs and curses—
Is gone, done away with, a deliverance
as surprising and sudden as Gideon's old victory over Midian.
Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 577 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
God of Grace and God of Glory — CWM RHONDDA

A Time for Young Disciples
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. Josh Stueve
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 — Jay Pettit, Baritone Saxophone
Revealing the Eternal Counsel — Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Psalter Reading - Psalm 27:1 — Rachel Blackwell
The Lord is my light and salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

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

Poetry Reading — Rachel Blackwell
No Fear — Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 4: 17-25, p. 3-4, N.T. — Dylan Blackwell
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering

*Hymn No. 451 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Be Thou My Vision — SLANE

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir, Lauren Ziegenhorn, soloist
City Called Heaven — arr. Josephine Poelinitz

I am a pilgrim of sorrow. I'm left in this wide world alone!
Ain't got no hope for tomorrow.
Trying to make it heaven.

Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord.
Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn.

I heard of a city called heaven.
Trying to make it my home.

*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. 540 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord — ST. THOMAS

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve
Jesus Christ, the light of the world, calls us to follow.
Go and tell the news of God's love.
Cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God.
Go forth and shine with God's light!
May God - Source, Word, and Spirit -
bless you with the radiance of love.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Rigaudon — Andre Campra (1660-1744)

Altar flowers this morning are given by
Travis & Cindy Albright in memory of their daughter, Tori Albright.

Hospitality Sign –Ups
We are looking for volunteers to provide snacks and assist in clean-up following coffee and hospitality on Sunday mornings. You may sign up in the Garden Room or by contacting the church office. Coffee and hospitality is every Sunday morning from 10:00-10:30 a.m. in the Garden Room.

Chili Lunch
Celebrate 2026 and join the FUN Committee for a Chili Lunch after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, February 1!