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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
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Rachel Shipley
Director of Youth Ministries
Kyle Collins
Director of
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Trish Hernandez
Director of Childcare Ministries



From the Lectionary

The Baptism of Christ
Cathédrale Saint-Jean-Baptiste (Lyon, France)

Located in front of St. John's Cathedral in Lyon, France, this statue has welcomed the faithful for centuries. Built on the site of a 6th century church, St. John's was one of the most famous cathedrals in the country until the construction of Notre Dame.

Like the true baptism of Christ, here there is a beauty in its simplicity. It is amazing to think that this is the very moment that God humbled himself; the moment when Christ's ministry began. Every thing that followed, from the death of Christ to the faith we have today, started here, between two men on the banks of the Jordan River. This picture seems to capture that moment. Just as John is baptizing Christ, a light shines down upon them – as if the voice of God is still calling down "This is my own dear Son".

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



Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Sunday, January 11, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering
Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin

Prelude
Now the Old Year has Passed Away
Clint Barrick
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Opening Prayer
Today, we come for renewal at the Baptismal Font. Come to the waters of baptism. Touch the Spirit's power. Feel the Spirit's loving embrace. Come and be made new.

*Call to Worship
Ascribe to the Holy One, O heavenly beings,
Ascribe to God glory and strength.
Ascribe to God the glory of God's name,
Worship God in holy splendor.
The voice of God is upon the water.
The God of glory thunders, the Supreme upon many waters.
The voice of God is powerful.
The voice of God is full of majesty.
When Jesus came for baptism, a voice from heaven said,
"This is my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
Let us praise the name of the Holy One!
Alleluia! Let us worship in awe!

- Words from Psalm 29: 1-4 & Matthew 3: 16-17

*Hymn No. 252
When Jesus Came to Jordan
The United Methodist Hymnal
COMPLAINER

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples
Hymn No. 393
Spirit of the Living God
Zoe Bradley
The United Methodist Hymnal
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
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
Dwelling in Beulah Land
Paul Shuey
C. Austin Miles (1868-1946)

Hebrew Bible Lesson - Isaiah 42: 1-9, p. 670
Jay Pettit

*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 3: 13-17, p. 3, N.T.
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response
Sara Yancey
Loving God, at the Baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with your Holy Spirit. Enable us to be faithful to our calling as your beloved people and as stewards of your Holy Spirit. Open our hearts so that we may hear your voice renewing this Covenant with us today. **Amen.**

Anthem
St. John's Chancel Choir
Paul Nicholson
To the Jordan Jesus Came

*To the Jordan Jesus came, asking John to pour the water,
choosing all we claim as human, choosing all but sin.
In the Jordan Jesus stood, choosing all our joys and sorrows,
choosing all we feel and suffer, choosing life for all.
From the water Jesus rose, knowing there the Father's favor,
knowing there the Spirit's power, knowing then his call.
From the water we arise, knowing here the Father's favor,
knowing here the Spirit's power, knowing now our call.*

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Congregational Reaffirmation
of our Baptismal Covenant, p. 50
The United Methodist Hymnal

Introduction to the Service
Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith
Thanksgiving Over the Water
Reaffirmation of Faith
Jay Pettit
Rev. Josh Stueve
Rev. Josh Stueve
Rev. Ann Akin

*All are invited forward to make a financial offering and/or
to remember your baptism. You are encouraged to take
your time at the font, feel the water with your hands
and mark the sign of a cross on your forehead.*

Hymn No. 608
This is the Spirit's Entry Now
The United Methodist Hymnal
AZMON

Hymn No. 544
Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
The United Methodist Hymnal
BRIDEGROOM

Hymn No. 347
Spirit Song
The United Methodist Hymnal
SPIRIT SONG

Thanksgiving
Rev. Ann Akin
Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and St. John's United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Sara Yancey

*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

*Hymn No. 605
The United Methodist Hymnal
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
BEACH SPRING

Benediction
Rev. Josh Stueve
**We are baptized with Christ, and the Spirit of God is upon us to bring good news to the poor, recovery of sight to the blind, and liberty to the oppressed.
The Spirit drives us into the wilderness, into the world, into the arms of God.
Send us, then, God, in the name and the Spirit and the company of Jesus. Amen.**

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude
Psalm 19

Clint Barrick
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)



Altar flowers this morning are given by
Frank Goode in honor of Leisa's birthday.

United Women in Faith & Men's Breakfast

United Women in Faith will be meeting Saturday, January 10 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's. The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room at St. John's.

Dinner for 8 Sign-Ups

"Dinner for 8" is a unique opportunity to share in a delicious meal provided by the 8 participants. Each month from February to April, couples and /or individuals will enjoy a new group of eight for an opportunity to commune and fellowship with other wonderful St. Johners. Sign-ups are available in the hallway.

Chili Lunch Coming Soon

Celebrate 2026 and join the FUN Committee for a Chili Lunch after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 25! Sign-ups are in the hallway to bring a pot of chili, savory toppings, or your favorite dessert.