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
Sermon on the Mount
Laura James

Laura James is a self-taught painter and illustrator whose African- and Caribbean-American heritage and love of color, design, and story inform her work.

Working as a professional artist and illustrator for almost twenty years, Laura is best known for her illustrations in the Book of the Gospels lectionary published in 2000 by LTP on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church. An award- winning edition of the four gospels, it includes 34 paintings rendered in the Ethiopian Christian Art style, which over the years Ms. James has made her own. The book is used worldwide by numerous Christian denominations and her religious art is at the forefront of the movement toward a more inclusive representation of Biblical figures.

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
Rev. Janie Noble
Glenn Stueve
The Family of Dale Bradley
Jan Davis
The Family of Domingo Cervantez

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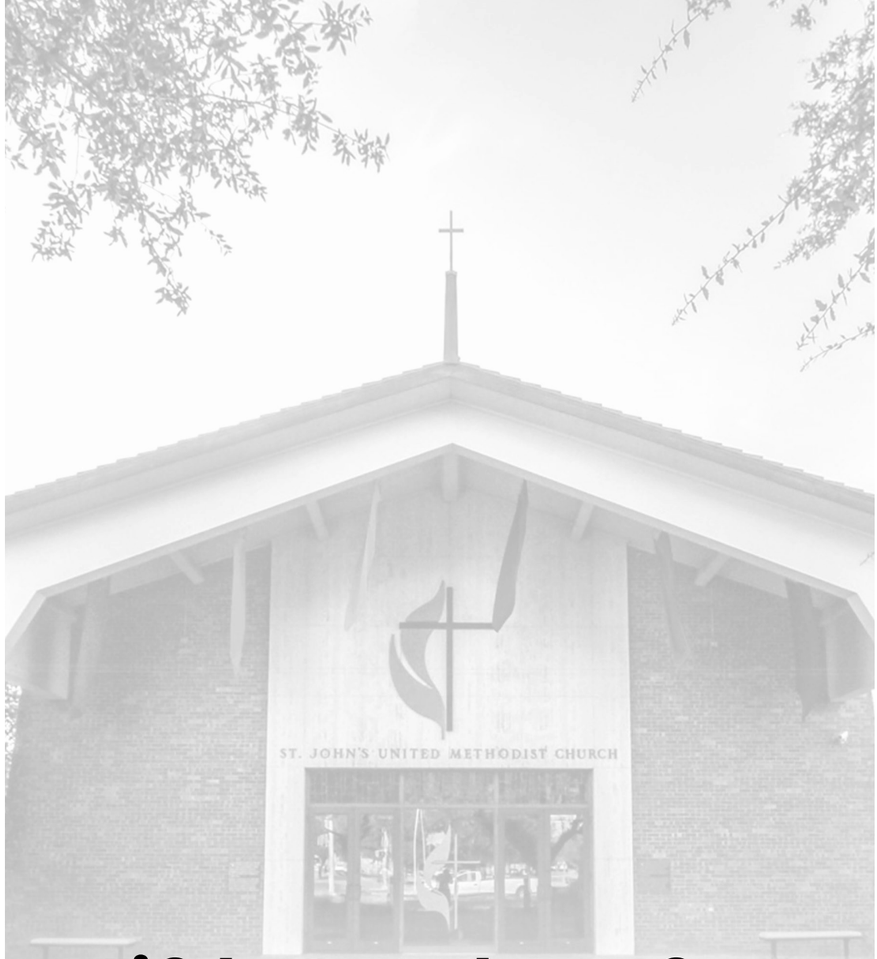

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 8

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 — Clint Barrick
Prelude in E minor, "Cathedral" — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship — Rev. Archie Echols
Beauty is all around us, offered without cost.
What a gift! God, we praise you.
Love and healing are given to us, without exception.
What a miracle! Jesus, we thank you.
Power is placed in us—not our own, but the power of grace.
What a wonder! Holy Spirit, we give ourselves
to you in humility and service.
Speak your Word, that we may do justice,
love mercy and walk humbly with you.

*Hymn No. 132 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded — MICHAEL

A Time for Young Disciples — Rev. Josh Stueve
Hymn No. 2233 — *The Faith We Sing*
Where Children Belong — RITCHIE

As the children arrive & depart:
This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and
cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.

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 — Lauren Ziegenhorn, mezzo-soprano
O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion — G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Hebrew Bible Reading - Micah 6: 6-8, p. 866 — Boy Scout Troop 406

*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 5: 1-12, p. 4, N.T. — Rev. Archie Echols
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Following the scripture reading, children Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to Sunday School for storytelling, arts & crafts & a snack.
We will meet at the church nursery.

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

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

THANKSGIVING

Responsive Reading — Rev. Ann Akin
Selective Readings from 1 Corinthians & James

Invitation to the Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

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

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir
The Peacemakers — Patrick Hawes

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

*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. 2172 — *The Faith We Sing*
We Are Called — WE ARE CALLED

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve
Do Justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.
Everlasting Love, help us humbly live your
justice, your love, your mercy.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Fugue in E minor, "Cathedral" — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Altar flowers this morning are given by
Charles and Sara Yancey in celebration of their
42nd wedding anniversary on February 10.

Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday
Mark your calendars—our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is coming up! Join us on Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of good food and good company. We'll be flipping pancakes, serving up all the fixings, and just enjoying time together before Lent.
Bring your appetite, bring a friend, and we'll see you there!

On Wednesday, February 18, we will observe Ash Wednesday with a worship service and imposition of ashes at 6:00 p.m.

United Women in Faith Monthly Meeting
The next United Women in Faith meeting will be Saturday, February 14 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's. Sue Cates will lead the program titled, "Connecting Our Roots."

Clothing Drive for Family Promise
Family Promise is in need of socks and underwear for boys and girls (ages 2-14). You're invited to bring items now through Sunday, March 8.