

**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
A Choice
Lauren Wright Pittman

Jesus offers the crowd (us) a layered and complicated choice, one that is as complex as his own dualistic nature. The first option is self-denial, a heavy burden, and a lost—but saved—life. The second is gaining the whole world, but forfeiting life. It's easy for a seasoned Christian to take this choice for granted. This choice that Jesus calls us into may even seem like a no brainer, but in this moment, Jesus teaches of the terrors that will befall him and invites the crowd to knowingly face that path alongside him. If we're honest, it is extremely difficult to reject the tempting power and wealth this world has to offer and allow our life to take the shape of good news for all.

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
Bella Cruz
Glenda Boverie
Rev. Janie Noble
Glenn Stueve
The Family of Dale Bradley
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 **ST. JOHN'S**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 22
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
I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship Frank Anguiano
Creator God, maker of earth and provider of life,
You are our bread, and our strength.
Loving Christ, willing to love at the cost of your life,
You are our courage and our hope.
Holy Spirit, you give us a world to serve for you.
You are our love, our belonging, and our calling. We worship you.

*Hymn No. 73 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
O Worship the King LYONS

A Time for Young Disciples Johnny Nelson
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.*

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.

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 Connor Jenkins, Logan Drum, Zach Franklin, Jack Hays
Beati Mortui Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 4: 1-11, p. 3, N.T. Frank Anguiano
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Response to the Word Rev. Ann Akin
"The Merton Prayer" Thomas Merton

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

God,

We have no idea where we are going.
We do not see the road ahead of us.
We cannot know for certain where it will end
nor do we really know ourselves,
and the fact that we think we are following your will
does not mean that we are actually doing so.
But we believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And we hope we have that desire in all that we do.
We hope that we will never do anything apart from that desire.
And we know that if we do this you will lead us by the right road,
though we may know nothing about it.
Therefore we will trust you always though
We may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
We will not fear, for you are ever with us,
and you will never leave us to face our perils alone.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 468 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See HURSLEY

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
Lenten Anthem Clifford McCormick

*And I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom,
And I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom.
If any man will come after me, let him deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
Whosoever will save his life shall lose it:
And whoever shall lose his life for my sake, he shall find it.
What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world,
And lose his own soul?*

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

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. 671 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing SICILIAN MARINERS

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick
Fugue on "Lord, Have Mercy" Francois Couperin



*Altar flowers this morning are given by
Glenda Boverie in loving memory of
Clem and Estell Boverie, who were married
ninety years ago today.*

Board of Ordained Ministry

Pastor Josh & Pastor Ann will be out of the office through
Wednesday next week for Board of Ordained Ministry meetings for
the Horizon Texas Conference.
The Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM) is the conference committee
responsible for many aspects of ordained ministry, including
recruiting candidates for ordained ministry and guiding them
through a process of education, training and ordination.

Join the FUN Committee!

Bring your ideas and creativity– we're gearing up for spring and fall
planning and looking for new members for the FUN Committee! Our
next meeting will be Wednesday, February 25 at 5:00 p.m. in the
Conference room.



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.