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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
Choral Conductor
David Cranford
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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

Dorothy Day with Homeless Christ
Kelly Latimore

"I believe some people -- lots of people -- pray to the witness of their lives through the work they do, the friendships they have, the love they offer people and receive from people. Since when are words the only acceptable form of prayer?"



Kelly Latimore is a youngish (b. 1986) artist who grew up as a PK (pastor's kid) in a conservative church in the suburbs of Chicago and graduated from Greenville College (now University), a conservative Christian school in central Illinois. And then his religious viewpoint/understanding expanded. From 2009-13 he lived/worked on the Good Earth Farm in Ohio as one of the Common Friars, affiliated with the Episcopal Church. It was there in 2010 that he painted his first icon.

In his Sunday talk at Rainbow Church, Kelly referred to icons as "windows to God," and his icons mainly show God and God's actions in the world now, not in the past.

He emphasized that as an artist he must "pay attention," and that all of us "must practice seeing." Kelly's icons help us to see, to engage in what he calls "holy pondering." He also challenged us not only to see, but to become "living icons," acting for peace and justice in this needy world.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council, and Ministries
 St. John's Members who are homebound or in assisted care
 Glenn Stueve
 Selah Wright
 The Family of Dorothy Ford
 The Family of Bunny Kennedy

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 **ST. JOHN'S**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15, 2026

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 Connor Jenkins, organ
Prelude in A minor J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship Kelley LaRue

Creator God, your glory surrounds us.

Help us to see with eyes of gratitude and wonder.

Loving Christ, you come to us in the humble and needy.

Help us to see with eyes of compassion and mercy.

Holy Spirit, you work among us with power and grace.

Help us to see with eyes of faith.

We worship you with awe and thanksgiving. Amen.

*Hymn No. 57 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

A Time for Young Disciples Rev. Josh Stueve
Hymn No. 141 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Children of the Heavenly Father TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

As the children arrive

1. Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

As the children depart:

2. God his own doth
tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish;
from all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.

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 Kamryn Dominguez, mezzo-soprano
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Virgil Thompson (1896-1989)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Listening Prayer Rev. Ann Akin
"Shepherd me" A poem based on Psalm 23 Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

A Reading of John 9: 1-41, p. 102, N.T. Frank Anguiano,
Leslie Cranford, Kelley LaRue

Arranged for St. John's UMC by Alan Winner
The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*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

Prayer of Response Rev. Ann Akin
Jesus said, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him."
God, help me to trust that with you there is no deserving, no punishment, no imprisonment in the past; only grace, and the opportunity to receive it.
Open the eyes of my heart, that I may see your grace, trust your unfinished work in me, and recognize your presence beside me ready to heal.

THANKSGIVING

*Invitation to the Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 136 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want CRIMOND

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
Lenten Litany Martin How

*God the Father, God the Son,
God the Spirit Three in One,
Hear us from Thy heav'nly throne,
spare us Holy Trinity,
Jesu who for us didst bear scorn and
sorrow, toil and care,
Hearken to our lowly prayer,
we beseech Thee Jesu.*

*Lord hear us, by the hour of agony
spent while Thine apostles three
Slumbered in Gethsemane,
hear us Holy Jesu.
Jesu by Thy friend betrayed
Jesu sport for sinners made,
Jesu mocked in robes arrayed
Hear us Holy Jesu.*

*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. 378 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Amazing Grace AMAZING GRACE

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Connor Jenkins, organ
Fugue in A minor

Holy Week

Join St. John's as we observe Holy Week, from the heights of Palm Sunday and the depths of Good Friday to the joy of Easter morning!
Join us for:

Palm Sunday, March 29 at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5 for a Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. and

Traditional Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Activities

You're invited to join St. John's and bring your favorite dish to Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room!

St. John's will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please consider donating pre-filled eggs for this fun activity! Pre-filled eggs can be dropped off at the booth in the hallway.

PFLAG Meeting

The Lubbock chapter of PFLAG will have their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room at St. John's.

Save the Date for VBS

Kids will become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. Guided daily by Ollie the Arctic Seal, who is reporting on the events, Challengers aren't just playing games; they learn to draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope.

Join us for VBS July 8 –10 from 5:30—7:30 p.m. Open for campers ages Pre-K through 5th grade.



VBS Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help in all areas of Vacation Bible School, including group leaders, recreation, meal prep, and crafts. If you are interested in volunteering you can sign up at <https://bit.ly/StJohnsVBS2026> or by scanning the QR code.