

**WE'RE
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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
Choral Conductor
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 *Reunion—Thomas and Christ* Ernst Barlach

Ernst Barlach was a German Expressionist sculptor, printmaker, and writer. Early in his career, Barlach trained under French artists and produced Art Nouveau-styled sculpture and works on paper, but was initially unable to find success. This led to a formative trip to Russia where the artist began creating figurative sculptures inspired by early Gothic art, carving spiritual and emotional themes from hard woods and bronze casts. Achieving widespread critical acclaim in his native Germany before the First World War, Barlach, once a supporter of German militarization, enlisted as an infantry soldier. He served until 1916, when the harsh realities of war quickly transformed his perspective. Thereafter, Barlach was compelled to produce art in staunch opposition to war and the subsequent rise of Nazi power. His allegorical and pacifist art earned Barlach the label of degenerate, and his work fell out of favor.



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
Don Foreman
Glenna Keesee
Jonathan Krebbs

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

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering Rev. Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick
This Joyful Eastertide Dutch Easter Melody

*Call to Worship Guyton Young

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Living Christ, victor over death, grant us your infinite life.

Risen Christ, breathe your life into us.
Living Christ, whose forgiveness conquers all, bless us.

Risen Christ, breathe your life into us.
Living Christ, whose love defeats fear, grant us your courage.

Risen Christ, breathe your life into us.
Living Christ, whose Spirit empowers us to love, give us yourself.

Risen Christ, breathe your life into us.

*Hymn No. 312 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise LLANFAIR

A Time for Young Disciples Mandy Algate
Hymn No. 304 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Easter People, Raise Your Voices REGENT SQUARE

As the children arrive and depart:

1. *Easter people raise your voices,
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices;
Heavenly music, let it ring,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people let us sing.*

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 Rev. Ann Akin
God in your graciousness/mercy
Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer
**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 AlyziaVallejo, soprano
Lord, Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Gospel Lesson - John 20: 19-31, p. 115, N.T. Guyton Young
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rafe Foreman

Prayer of Response

Rev. Ann Akin
**Gracious God, Thomas wanted to see proof of Christ's rising. We, too,
want to touch and feel your presence. We want to hear your Living
Word. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we ourselves may be living signs
of resurrection. We pray in the name of Christ and the power of your
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

*Invitation to the Offering Rev. Ann Akin

*Hymn No. 549 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Where Charity and Love Prevail ST.PETER

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
O Sons and Daughters Parker/Shaw

*O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of Heaven, the glorious
King, o'er death today rose
triumphing. Alleluia!*

*'My pierced side, o Thomas see.
My hands, my feet, I show to thee.
Not faithless but believing be.'*

*No longer Thomas then denied.
He saw the feet, the hands, the side.
'Thou art my Lord and God' he cried.
Alleluia!*

*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, who power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SENDING FORTH

Reception of New Members Rev. Ann Akin
**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. 384 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Love Divine, All Love's Excelling BEECHER

Benediction Rev. Ann Akin

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick
Trumpet Tune David Johnson (1922-1987)



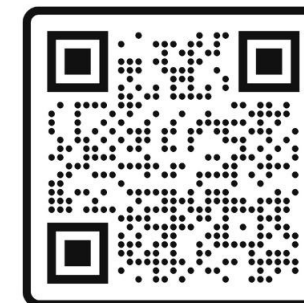
*Altar flowers this morning have been graciously given
by Glenn Stueve in memory of Arlene Stueve.*

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the
Garden Room. All men are invited to join.

Parking for George Strait Concert

St. John's will be selling parking spaces for
the George Strait concert on Friday, April 24
and Saturday, April 25 for \$10. We need your
help to work the parking lot! Sign up by
scanning the QR code or at the table in the
hallway.



United Women in Faith Spring Tea

The women of St. John's are invited to join United Women in Faith
for a lovely morning of fellowship and refreshment at their Spring
Tea event on Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Donna
Chandler (5001 95th St.).

*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.

**Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.