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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
On the Road to Emmaus
Rev. Cara B. Hochhalter

Jesus appears incognito in this beautiful post-Easter story. Two of the followers of Jesus were walking along the Emmaus Road. One was named Cleopas and since the other one was not named, I like to imagine that it was his wife. They do not recognize Jesus and he asks them what they are talking about. They proceed to tell him about their hopes for one called Jesus, a prophet who did amazing works in the name of God. As they approach their village, the two ask the stranger to come into their house as it is getting late. Around the table, the beautiful ritual of Communion is played out as the man takes the bread, blesses it and breaks it to share with them. Incredibly, it was then that their "eyes were opened" and they recognized Jesus—just before he disappears. It is a story filled with mystery and beauty. How would it be to hold open the notion that the Spirit of God's Love dwells in all human beings—and walks among us even now?



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

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 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 Clint Barrick
Fantasia Nicolas Lebegue (1630-1702)

*Call to Worship Gregory Brookes

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Christ, you have walked with us in our joy and in our concern.

We give thanks! We worship in awe and wonder, in gratitude and joy!

Living Christ, make us aware of your presence with us.

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us
and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

*Hymn No. 318 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Christ Is Alive TRURO

A Time for Young Disciples Rev. Josh Stueve
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 | The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ann Akin
God in your graciousness/mercy
Hear our 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 Zach Franklin, piano
I Need Thee Every Hour arr. Mark Hayes

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Gospel Reading - Luke 24: 13-35, p. 90, N.T. Gregory Brookes
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response

Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated
with news reports and social media posts that inundated us with
information, worry, and stress.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of
being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.**

We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and
bring us clarity and hope once again.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize
when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where
there seems to be no way.**

We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for
our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the
possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.**

Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to
meet us where we are with good news.

**May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we
worship God! Amen.**

-Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.

Rev. Ann Akin

THANKSGIVING

*Invitation to the Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 308 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Thine Be the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
O For A Closer Walk with God Grayson Ives

*O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road that leads
to the Lamb.*

*Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet
messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from thy breast.*

*The dearest idol I have known,
Whatever that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only Thee.
So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so light shall mark the road that leads
me to the Lamb.*

*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. 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. 325
Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus

The United Methodist Hymnal
IN BABILONE

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick
Processional in A Flat David Johnson (1922-1987)

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.).

Final Week to Register for Mental Health First Aid Training

In partnership with StarCare, St. John's will be hosting Mental Health
First Aid Training on Saturday, May 2. at 9:00 a.m. Registrants will
receive a link for a 2-hour virtual pre-
coursework to prepare for the training in May.



Sign up by scanning the QR code with the
camera app on your phone or calling the office
at 806-762-0123.

Now Hiring Nursery Workers

St. John's is looking to hire several nursery workers to work on
Sunday mornings or as part of a rotation/backup. This position is
part-time with a compensation of \$15/hour. Candidates must be
comfortable working with infants though early elementary aged
children. For more information please contact Marie Cox at
mariemcox22@gmail.com

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

**Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.