

**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
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 *Jubilee Monument*

Angela Wales Rockett is a fine artist known for her spiritually expressive abstract paintings that soothe the soul and invite the viewer to precious moments of introspection. Over the past 10 plus years her work has been exhibited across the United States from Seattle to New York City, from San Diego to Savannah and has found homes in many private collections throughout North America, and has been written about in articles about art as spiritual inspiration. She has also created works specifically to enhance spiritual occasions, worship spaces, and alternative healing spaces. Knowing first hand of art's amazing power to heal and transform, she also leads workshops and classes in intuitive and expressive art to help others, artists and non-artists alike, to experience their own creative power and their own potential to transform and heal their lives.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council, and Ministries
St. John's Members who are homebound or in assisted care
Madoc Thomas
Glenn Stueve
Jonathan Krebbs
Helen Lauderdale
Madison Page
Rev. Scott Campbell
The Family of Bob Haynes

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



Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 24, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering Rev. Josh Stueve

Prelude Clint Barrick
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Frederick Atkinson (1841-1896)

*Call to Worship Robby Vestal
Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, December 2025.

*Hymn No. 539 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
O Spirit of the Living God FOREST GREEN

A Time for Young Disciples Pam Edwards
Hymn No. 611 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise STUTTGART

As the children arrive

Verse 2

*Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.*

As the children depart

Verse 4

*Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.*

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. Josh Stueve
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 Jeannie Barrick, soprano
Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Daniel Light

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

***Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading - Acts 2: 1-8, 14-18, p. 119, N.T. Robby Vestal

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response Rev. Josh Stueve
May the gifts of the Holy Spirit bring fire to the earth so that the presence of God may be seen in a new light, in new places, in new ways.

May our own hearts burst into flame so that no obstacle, no matter how great, ever obstructs the message of the God within each of us.

May we come to trust the Word of God in our heart, to speak it with courage, to follow it faithfully and to fan it to flame in others.

Give me, Great God, a sense of the Breath of Spirit within me. Amen.

-Sister Joan Chittister

THANKSGIVING

*Invitation to the Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Offertory Hymn, No. 544 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song BRIDEGROOM

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
Many Gifts, One Spirit Allen Pote

*Many gifts, one spirit,
many songs, one voice
Many reasons, one promise, many
questions, one choice.
O, God, we pray for unity,
give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us
in the circle of your love.
O, God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways,
we are walking to your throne.*

*Help us learn to love each other, show
us ways to understand.
We are members of one family, growing
strong by joining hands.
O, God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways,
we are walking to your throne.
Take our many ways of working, blend
the colors of each soul
into the beauty of a rainbow.
Give us life, Lord, make us whole.*

*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. 336 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me MEYER

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

So now we leave this space of worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path constantly changing,
we know some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love.
We know Christ's light endures.
We know the Holy Spirit is there,
found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other,
until we meet we again,
Go in peace.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick
Toccata, Fugue, and Chaconne Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Trustee Updates—Please Excuse Our Dust

Please excuse the dust in the Sanctuary this morning. Continued repairs are being made to the stained glass windows. Several panels are now finished and will be added in soon.

Just in time for summer, the additional HVAC system in the hallway and improvements to the existing system are almost complete.

Summer Essentials for Open Door

We're supporting Open Door in their mission to support people experiencing poverty, homelessness, and sex trafficking. With summer weather on the way they're in need of the following items:

Bugspray, Sunscreen, Lotion, Chapstick, Deodorant, Soap

Items can be dropped off at the bin in the hallway through Sunday, May 31.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 30 at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room at St. John's. All men are invited to join.

Mini Junk & Jewels Sale

Shop a mini Junk & Jewels sale upstairs in room 223 through May 31. It's by donation only, so pay whatever you think is fair.

The lift is working again, so head on upstairs and grab some great bargains!