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
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Director of Communications
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Director of Childcare Ministries

From the Lectionary
Through Him, All Things
Lauren Wright Pittman

As I created this piece, I thought about a prism. I remember the first time I used this seemingly magical, transparent stone. I held it to the light, which I could not see, and to my surprise the light was broken down into the vibrant colors of a rainbow.

In my image, Jesus is a prism. The light that is life that comes from the Creator shines through Jesus, and it is through him that we can see the fullness and beauty of who God is. It is through him that all of Creation came into being. I decided to paint the colors of the rainbow in the order I learned as a child: ROYGBIV. It was when picking paints that I realized there are seven colors in a simplified rainbow, and there are also seven days of Creation. In this block carving, each of the days of Creation is referenced through simplified patterning in each of the colors of the rainbow. Like light through a prism, the glory of God refracts through the multifaceted life of each and every human being, creating a picture of the divine that is as varied and beautiful as there are colors in existence. In this image, the rainbow also echoes the full spectrum of humanity and celebrates the image of God that is present—not only in every human, but in every facet of Creation.

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
Jonathan Krebbs

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ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pride Sunday

Sunday, June 28, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin

Prelude — Rev. Ann Akin
Cristofori's Dream — David Lanz

*An Affirmation of Reconciliation — Members of the Peace & Justice Committee

Today we invite all to affirm our Statement of Reconciliation. Let this be a sign of our commitment to continue to be bearers of the light of reconciling love in the present and into the future.

We affirm that through God's redeeming love for all, we are one in Christ. We respect the inherent and valuable contributions each member makes to the Body of Christ. We celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all persons regardless of sexual orientation, gender, race, age, ethnicity, gender identity, physical or mental capacity, education, or economic or marital status.

As we journey toward reconciliation, we proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination within the church.

We welcome all persons to full participation in the life and ministries of St. John's United Methodist Church.

At the same time, we recognize that there remain differences of opinion among us. We do not seek to erase our differences. We welcome all in our journey together in faith toward greater understanding and mutual respect.

"All this is from God, who reconciled us...through Christ, and who gives us the ministry of reconciliation." (from 2 Corinthians 5:18)

—Statement of Reconciliation (1998), St. John's United Methodist Church

*Hymn No. 2236 — *The Faith We Sing*
Gather Us In — GATHER US IN

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples — Marcy Stueve
Hymn No. 585 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
This Little Light of Mine — LATTIMER

As the children arrive & depart

This little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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.

Lighting a Candle for Peace, Hope, and Justice — Members of the Peace & Justice Committee

The light shines in the darkness.
We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.

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

Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.
Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice,
and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

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 — Songs of Solidarity
Somebody's Hurting my Brother

*Somebody's hurting my *brother*
And it's gone on far too long. (3x)
Oh somebody's hurting my brother
And it's gone on far too long.
And we won't be silent anymore.

** sister*

*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 7 (selected verses), p. 6, N.T. — Rev. Josh Stueve

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

Voice of Pride — Jay Pettit

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 408 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
The Gift of Love — GIFT OF LOVE

Anthem
Draw the Circle Wide — Mark Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

*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. 2238 — *The Faith We Sing*
In the Midst of New Dimensions — NEW DIMENSIONS

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Rev. Ann Akin
Imagine — John Lennon

Today's altar flowers celebrate the first wedding anniversary of Randell Neuman and Jason Lee, married here at St. John's one year ago, and honor the spirit of love and inclusion during Pride Month.

We're glad you're here for our Pride Worship Service this morning. At St. John's, we celebrate God's love for all people. No matter who you are or where you're coming from, you are welcome here.

After the 10:30 a.m. service, you're invited to join us for a meal and celebration in the Garden Room. There's plenty of food, and we'd love to share this time together!

VBS at St. John's

Guided daily by Ollie the Arctic Seal, kids will gear up for frosty games, snowy surprises, hands-on lessons about faith, and will learn to draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope.

Wednesday, July 8 - Friday, July 10
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help in all areas of Vacation Bible School, including group leaders, recreation, meal prep, and crafts.

Register a camper at: https://bit.ly/SJUMCvbs2026

Register to volunteer at: https://bit.ly/SJUMCvbsvolunteer2026

Paper registration forms are available in the hallway.