# 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**
*Peter's Little Faith*
Frank Wesley

Wesley was a fifth generation Christian (Methodist). He was an Indian artist, expressing the Christian story and its meaning within a framework of an Indian setting, with an Indian imagination, and starting from the painting styles and techniques of his indigenous culture.

Frank Wesley would often say that he was not interested in illustrating the biblical stories. He understood illustration to be the depiction of a scene as it may be observed with detachment. He set out to search for and express meanings, using both traditional and personal symbolism and all the possibilities offered by the techniques he used. He saw himself as not an artist with one technique and style, but as one who chose a style to be a fitting component of the depiction of the subject matter or theme.

**Please Remember in Prayer:**

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council, and Ministries
St. John's Members who are homebound or in assisted care
Jonathan Krebbs
The Family of Glenn Stueve
The Family of Calder Thomas
The Family of David Robert Ralston
*(Father of Allison Matherly-Pierce)*

# WAYS TO GIVE

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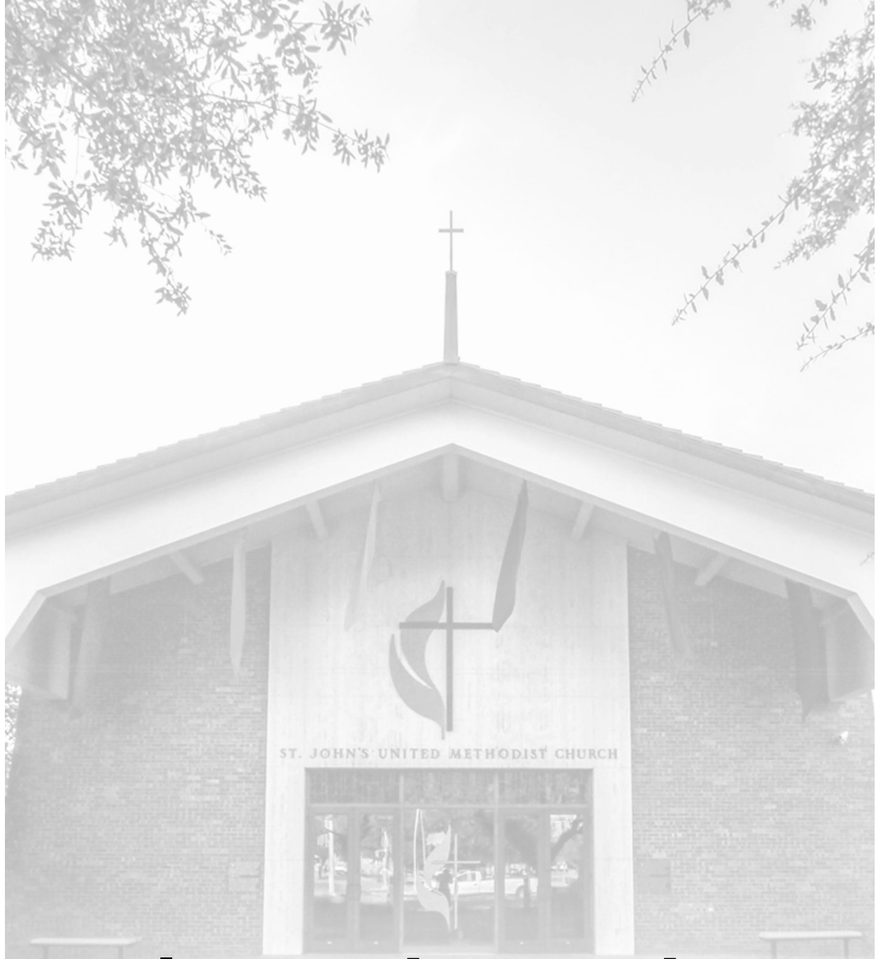


# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 9, 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 — Clint Barrick
*Prelude on a Southern Hymn Tune* — Gardner Read (1913-2005)

*Call to Worship — Matthew DiLeo
God, in the same way you called to disciples on a boat,
you call us into worship now:
**We come into God's presence.**
We come to rejoice in your good news,
seek life abundant, and to do it in community.
**We come into God's presence.**
Though we carry with us the shame of imperfection
that sinks our wellbeing.
Though we carry with us the turmoil
of the world causing us to fear. You still call us. So,
**We come into God's presence.**
We worship you, O God. May the beauty found in music,
the authenticity of prayer, and the aliveness of your story
bring us deeper into your presence.
**We come into God's presence anew. Alleluia!**

*Hymn No. 584 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
*Lord, You Give the Great Commission* — ABBOT'S LEIGH

A Time for Young Disciples — Rev. Josh Stueve
Hymn No. 277 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* — STORIES OF JESUS

**As the children arrive**
Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me
if he were here:
scenes by the wayside,
tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

**As the children depart**
First let me hear how the children
stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his
blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness,
deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

A Prayer for the New School Year — Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin
*Students of all ages and educators of all kinds are invited to gather at the front for a prayer.*

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.**

Following the prayer, children Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to Sunday School for storytelling, arts & crafts & a snack.
We will meet at the church nursery.

Act of Praise — Rob Scoggins
*Peace Speaker*

*It was such a lovely day, the sun was shining bright,*
*a gentle wind was blowing my way, not a storm cloud in sight,*
*then suddenly without warning, a storm surrounded my life,*
*but even in the storm I could feel the calm and here's the reason why.*

*I know the peace speaker, I know him by name,*
*I know the peace speaker, he controls the wind and rain,*
*when he says peace be still, they have to obey,*
*I'm glad I know the peace speaker, yes I know him by name.*

*There's never been another man with the power of this friend,*
*by simply saying peace be still, he can calm the strongest wind,*
*and that's why I never worry, when the storm clouds come my way,*
*I know that he is near to drive away my fear and I can smile and say.*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 14:22-33, p. 16, N.T. — Matthew DiLeo
The word of God for the people of God.
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

Affirmation of Faith — Rev. Ann Akin
*And those in the boat worshiped Jesus, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God." - Matthew 14:33*

The disciple's confession of faith is God's peace
revealed in the midst of fear.
We too look for this peace. The question is: where can we find it?
The good news of the gospels tells us we can witness God in:
**The calm voice that calls to us**
**in the midst of a storm and says, "Take heart."**
**The big heart that encircles us when it feels**
**like we are sinking and crying, "Save me."**
**The steady hand that reaches out**
**when we are overwhelmed and afraid.**
So, we look to you - Ground of our Being,
Love Embodied, Holy Spirit, Great I am.
**"Truly, you are the Son of God."**

## THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn, No. 593 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
*Here I Am, Lord* — HERE I AM, LORD

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

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

## 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. 579 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
*Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here* — CAREY'S SURREY

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve
You have come in faith. Now, we go in peace.
**The grace of Jesus Christ, the everlasting love of God, and communion of the Holy Spirit goes with us!**

*Please be seated for the Postlude*

Postlude — Clint Barrick
*Trumpet Fanfare* — Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

*Altar flowers this morning are given by Cheryl Hall with great love and joy in honor of her daughter Molly Hall McCollum's 25th birthday.*

**Bee Here Ministry Fair**
Save the date for this year's Bee Here Ministry Fair! On Sunday, August 23, you're invited to explore various ministry booths and discover the areas that align with your passions, talents, and interests. Whether it's nurturing the youth, supporting outreach programs, or lending your creative skills to worship, you'll find your perfect fit.

After the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will have a sandwich lunch in the Garden Room. Sandwiches and sides will be provided by the church. The congregation is invited to bring their favorite cookies to share.

**Disciple Bible Study IV**
This 32-week study concentrates on the Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude, and, finally, Revelation. You do not have to have completed any of the previous Disciple studies to join this group!

A one-hour informational meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2026, in the Shepherd's Room.

The study begins Monday, September 14, 2026, and will meet from 6:00–8:00 p.m. each Monday.