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
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John Dotts
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Rachel Blackwell
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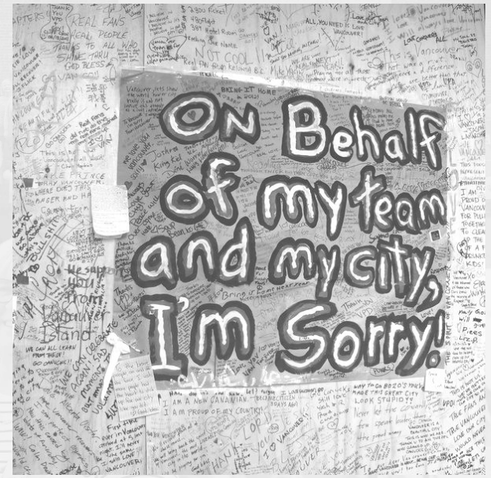

From the Lectionary
Apology from the "Wall of Shame" in Vancouver

From riot to contrition, and mess to clean-up, Vancouver residents attempted to scrub clean their tarnished image with garbage bags and handwritten notes expressing their disgust at thuggish looters following the hooliganism that took place when the Canucks lost the Stanley Cup final in 2011.

On boards covering smashed-in windows at the Bay and Sears, one of the first notes to appear generated hundreds more. A handwritten sign was pasted on the board at one of the Bay's windows saying "On Behalf of My Team and My City, I'm Sorry!" That note was quickly surrounded by other notes praising Vancouver residents for volunteering to clean up and Vancouver police while criticizing the rioters and looters. "Way to Go Bozos," one note read.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council, and Ministries
St. John's Members who are homebound or in assisted care
The St. John's Confirmation Class
Jonathan Krebbs
Kay Neal
Leslie Cox
Donna Echols
Sally Abbe
The Family of Rick Nelson
The Family of Abby Reimer

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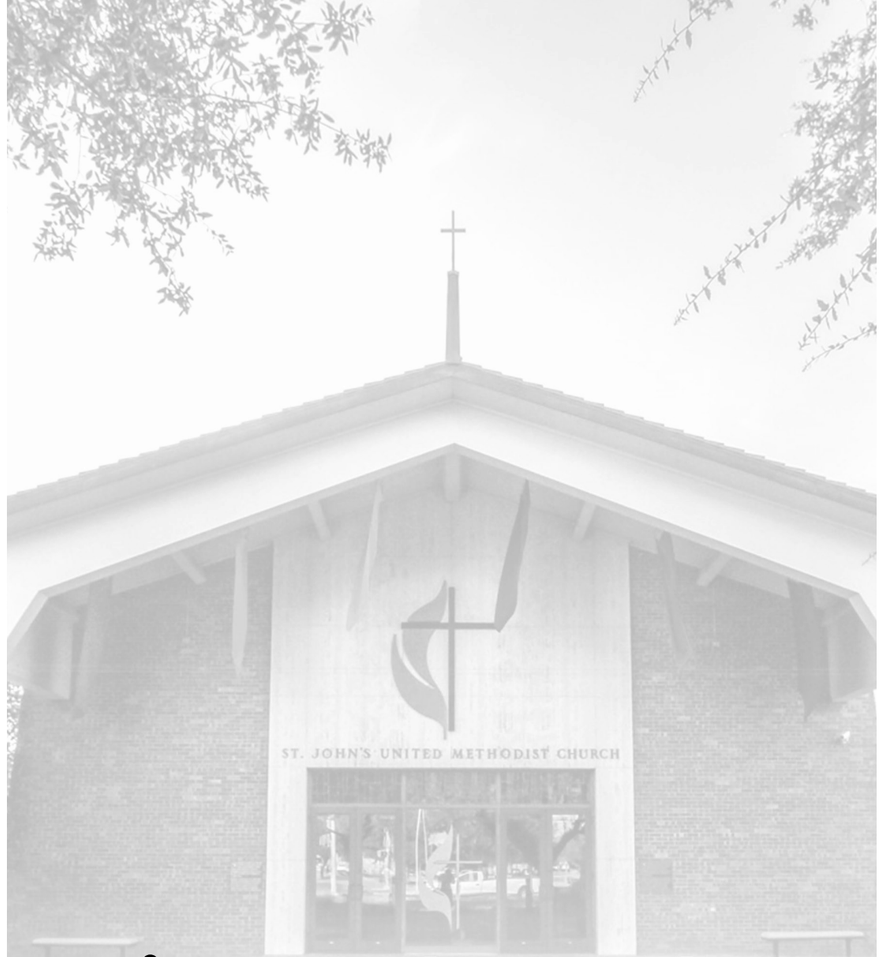

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 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
Adagio (Sonata No. 2) — Feliz Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*Call to Worship — Gregory Brookes
God of grace, we are a broken people, but you love us.
We will bear your mercy. Alleluia!
Christ our redeemer, you forgive us and make us new.
We will bear your mercy. Alleluia!
Holy Spirit, you fill us with love even for those who hurt us.
We will bear your mercy. Alleluia!
God of mercy, we worship you. We serve you. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 89 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee — HYMN TO JOY

A Time for Young Disciples — Mandy Algate
Hymn No. 2233 — *The Faith We Sing*
Where Children Belong — RITCHIE

As the Children Arrive & Depart:
This, this is where children belong
welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.

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 — Lauren Ziegenhorn, mezzo-soprano

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Hebrew Bible Lesson - Psalm 103: 1-13, p. 554 — Gregory Brookes
*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 18:21-22, p. 20, N.T.
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

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

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Josh Stueve
God, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Spirit, have mercy.
I confess to almighty God, and to you, my siblings in Christ,
that I have sinned through my own fault,
in my thought and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask you, my siblings, to pray for me.

A time of quiet prayer.

Hear the good news, God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
We proclaim to you God's forgiveness and ours.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn, No. 560 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Help Us Accept Each Other — ACCEPTANCE

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir
Praise the One Who Makes Us One — Tom Trenney

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, curing every dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.
Praise the One true love incarnate Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the One redeeming glory. Praise the One who makes us one.

*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!

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. 121 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy — WELLESLEY

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Clint Barrick
The Agincourt Hymn — John Dunstable (1390-1453)

Altar flowers this morning are given in memory of Rick Nelson by his loving family.

Construction Update
Construction continues on the first floor as Sunday School rooms receive updated lighting fixtures, new flooring, and a fresh coat of paint. The project is expected to last for several weeks.

Game Day Parking
St. John's sells parking spots for $10 during TTU home games and we need volunteers to help work the parking lot!
Sign up by scanning the QR code or by emailing Jay or Coleen Sedberry at jay.and.coleen@gmail.com

The next home game of the season is Friday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. The parking lot will open at 3:00 p.m.

United Women in Faith Monthly Meeting
United Women in Faith will have their next monthly meeting at St. John's on Saturday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. VelvetLee Elder will give a presentation on the Amarillo Wesley Community Center. All women of the church are invited to join.

Ice Cream Social
Join in celebrating Josh and Marcy's fifth year at St. John's with an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 27 at 4:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. Sign-ups for ice cream and toppings are available in the hallway.

Workday at the South Plains Food Bank
United Women in Faith is sponsoring a work day at the South Plains Food Bank(5605 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.) on Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Use this link to register: https://vhub.at/stjohnsumc