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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 longtime 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.

To contact a member of our staff please call 8067620123, visit us online, or send us an email at openminds@stjohnslubbock.org

Meet Our Staff

Rev. Josh Stueve
Senior Pastor

Tim Algate
Choral Conductor

Rachel Blackwell
Director of Youth Ministries

Rev. Ann Akin
Associate Pastor

David Cranford
Facilities Manager

Kyle Collins
Director of Communications

Clint Barrick
Organist

John Dotts
Assistant Facilities Manager

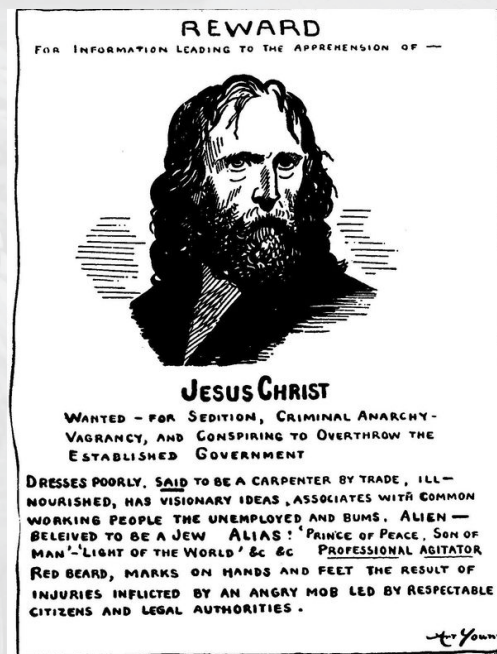
Trish Hernandez
Director of Childcare Ministries

From the Lectionary *Jesus Wanted Poster* Art Young

Art Young was a well-known American cartoonist and writer, first published in "The Masses" in 1917.

Jesus Christ
Wanted for sedition, criminal anarchy, vagrancy, and conspiring to overthrow the government.

Dresses poorly. Said to be a carpenter by trade. Ill-nourished, has visionary ideas, associates with common working people, the unemployed, and bums. Alien-believed to a Jew. Alias: Prince of Peace, Son of Man, Light of the World. Professional Agitator, red beard, marks on hands and feet, the result of injuries inflicted by an angry mob led by respectable citizens and legal authorities.



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
Leslie Cox
Donna Echols
Sally Abbe
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 **ST. JOHN'S**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 27, 2026

10:30 a.m.

 **ST. JOHN'S**
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The Worship of God 10:30 A.M. Service

ENTRANCE

Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick
Jesus, My Hope, My Strength J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship Mandy Algate

In today’s scripture reading, the apostle Paul calls us to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” What is the mind of Jesus? **The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.** Paul reminds us that “it is God who is at work in you.” How is God at work in us? **God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.** Paul exhorts us to “work on your own salvation with fear and trembling.” How do we work on our own salvation? **We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.** Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us. **We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

*Hymn No. 166 The United Methodist Hymnal
All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine SINE NOMINE

A Time for Young Disciples Sara Yancey
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. 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.

Act of Praise John Dacon, bass
It is Well With My Soul arr. Mark Hayes

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Lesson - Philippians 2: 1-13, p. 197, N.T. Mandy Algate
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Poetry Mandy Algate
Sent Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn, No. 193 The United Methodist Hymnal
Jesus! the Name High over All GRAFENBERG

Anthem St. John’s Chancel Choir
Make Me an Instrument Craig Courtney

O Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith,
where there is despair, hope,
where there is darkness, light,
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that we might not seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

*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. 363 The United Methodist Hymnal
And Can It Be that I Should Gain SAGINA

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve
“God is at work in you, enabling you to will and to work for God’s pleasure.”
May God bless you with a spirit of joy and love as we work together with God and neighbor for the flourishing of all God’s creation. Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude Clint Barrick
Earth and All Stars David Johnson (1922-1987)



Altar flowers this morning are given by Kay Neal in memory of Clayton Neal.



Ice Cream Social This Afternoon

Join in celebrating Josh and Marcy’s fifth year at St. John’s with an Ice Cream Social this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the Garden Room.

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>

World Communion Sunday

Join us as we celebrate World Communion Sunday next week on October 4. On this Special Sunday, United Methodists join Christians around the world at the table of Holy Communion. We may speak different languages, worship in different ways, and come from different cultures and backgrounds, but the bread and cup remind us that we are one in Christ.

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

**Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.