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 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.

Meet Our Staff

To contact a member of our staff please call 8067620123, 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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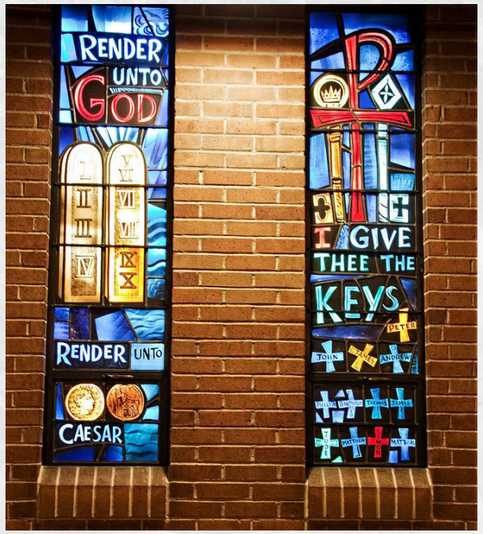
John Dotts
Assistant Facilities Manager

Rachel Blackwell
Director of Youth Ministries

Kyle Collins
Director of Communications

Trish Hernandez
Director of Childcare Ministries

From the Lectionary
Render Unto God
First Presbyterian Church, Boise, Idaho



"Render unto God" is a prominent stained glass window created in 1962 by the renowned Rambusch Decorating Company of New York City.
The artwork is permanently installed at the First Presbyterian Church in Boise, Idaho. It serves as a visual companion piece to another window titled "Render unto Caesar," both drawing their artistic and theological inspiration from Matthew 22:21.

Since its incorporation on December 17, 1898, the Rambusch Company has remained a small family business producing high-quality, custom-made objects and interiors to suit a wide range of clients. Over a century in existence, the Company has designed and executed more than 45,000 commissions in ecclesiastical arts, church interiors, stained glass, lighting, historic restoration, conservation, replication, art metal, and mosaic.

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
The Family of
Barbara Morgan-Fleming
The Family of Ron Williams
Bob Albin
Tiffany McGrew
The Family of Sarah Allen
Caleb Davis
Kyle Gregory

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 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
O Young and Fearless Prophet — John Dykes (1823-1876)

*Call to Worship — Isaac Echols
Eternal God, giver of life, you are our Creator; we are your creation.
We come from you bearing your image. Alleluia!
Loving Christ, sharer of life, you are our companion; we are your community.
You accompany through hardship and guide us to mercy. Alleluia!
Holy Spirit, power of life, you are our breath; we are your vessels.
Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 103 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise — ST. DENIO

A Time for Young Disciples — Coleman Morrison
Hymn No. 405 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Seek Ye First — SEEK YE

As the Children Arrive
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

As the Children Depart:
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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 — Emma Porter, soprano
The Call — Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Text can be found in *The United Methodist Hymnal* on page 164.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Listening Prayer — Isaac Echols
Psalm 96 says when we worship God, the heavens are glad and the earth rejoices. Even the trees of the forest sing for joy.
As the Scriptures are read and God's Word proclaimed, may we listen for this joyful song.
We are here to listen for your voice, O God. Amen.

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

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

*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 22: 15-22, p. 24, N.T. — Isaac Echols
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response — Isaac Echols
Not to Caesar — Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn, No. 441 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
What Does the Lord Require — SHARPTHORNE

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir
Take My Life, That I May Be — Scott Perkins

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

*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
"...you became imitators of Christ, for in spite of hardship and challenge you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all..." - 1 Thessalonians 1: 6

Following Jesus means exactly that:
to follow, to be like, to imitate.
With our love and compassion, power & hope.
When we do that, we find out how much we have to give to God.

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. 61 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Come, Thou Almighty King — ITALIAN HYMN

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Grand Chorus in Dialogue — Eugene Gigout (1844-1925)



Altar Flowers this morning are given by the Hamilton family in celebration of Mary Hamilton's birthday.

Corn Maze This Afternoon
The youth are going to the corn maze at At'l Do Farms this afternoon and they have invited the church to go with them. If you'd like to go, plan to meet at the front gate at At'l Do Farms at 6:00 p.m.

PFLAG Meeting
The Lubbock chapter of PFLAG will hold their monthly meeting at St. John's in the Garden Room on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Reconciling Sunday
Our 28th anniversary of becoming a reconciling congregation will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, October 25.

In October 1998, St. John's voted to join the Reconciling Ministries Network, an organization that works to advance justice and inclusion for all LGBTQ+ people in The United Methodist Church and beyond.

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Bishop's Leadership Gathering
Representatives from across the United Methodist Church will gather October 20-October 24 in Alberta, Canada. The theme is "Emboldened by the Spirit: Imagining a Church Yet to Be." A goal is to make recommendations to the 2028 General Conference on how the church can live into the vision to: Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously. Please pray for our own Rachel Shipley-Blackwell who is 1 of 3 representatives selected from the Horizon Texas Conference.

Early Voting
Early voting for the 2026 election will run Monday, October 19 through Friday, October 30. Find polling locations and times at www.votelubbock.gov