

“Put on the full armor of God”

AUGUST 25, 2024



LITHIA SPRINGS
METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOME TO
LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

The flowers adorning the chancel area are given to the glory of God.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Glenn McElroy

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS,
AND INVOCATION

Rev. Thomas Long

PRELUDE

“God Will Take Care of You”
Arr. Marvin Gaspard

Glenn McElroy

OPENING HYMN*

“I’ll Fly Away”

Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away;
To a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away.

CHORUS: I’ll fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away; When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I’ll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I’ll fly away. **CHORUS**

Just a few more weary days and then, I’ll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I’ll fly away. **CHORUS**

Words and music by Albert E. Brumley CCLI 1152573

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

#691

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Be at Rest”
Arr. Greer

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN’S TIME

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY

"How Long Has It Been?"

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Rick Powell

DOXOLOGY*

#682

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Words Thomas Ken, Music Louis Bourgeois CCLI 1152573

HYMN*

"In the Garden"

#342

SCRIPTURE*

Ephesians 6:10-20

Bart Arther

The Armor of God

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. 19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

"Because He Lives"

#265

BENEDICTION*

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Solid Rock"

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Ricks Parks

*If you have been visiting with us, we would love to be able to connect with you!
Please take a Visitor's Card from the pew, complete it, and place it in the offering plate.
Thank you for worshipping with us!*

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

This Week's Schedule

Today, August 25:

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, August 26:

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 62

Wednesday, August 28:

5:30 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Family Fun Night
6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 29:

10:00 a.m. OCC Shoebox Prayer Meeting

Sunday, September 1:

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and the cards sent to me during my knee surgery and recovery. I also ask for your prayers as I have my second knee surgery in early September.

God bless all of you,

Celia Jo Walbert

Annette Winn Backpack Blessings

Every school year our church family faithfully and graciously supports the students of Annette Winn Elementary School by donating food items for them to take home over the weekends. On Fridays, Annette Winn staff fills children's backpacks with foods such as Grits, Pop Tarts, Oatmeal, Mac N Cheese, Cereal, Applesauce, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes, Saltines, Soup, Ramen Noodles, Canned Tuna or Chicken, Beanee Weenees, Chips, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Pudding Cups, Apples, Oranges, Etc. Please bring items such as these to the church altar before worship service or to the church office during the week. This food drive will continue through Sunday, September 8th, when we will bless the food and then take it to Annette Winn during that week. Please consider supporting local children through this community outreach program.

Family Fun Night August 28th

Our Next Family Fun Night is THIS WEEK on Wednesday, August 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will share a snack supper and play games. Invite a friend or neighbor!

Operation Christmas Child Prayer Meeting 8/29

We invite you to join us on Thursday, August 29th, at 10:00a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a prayer and planning meeting as we kick off our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. This is the first step in coordinating our efforts to

pack and send shoeboxes filled with love to children in need around the world. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Let's come together in prayer and preparation to make this year's ministry a success!

Fall Festival September 14th

Mark your calendars for our Fall Festival happening on Saturday, September 14th from 11-4pm. This will be a fun fellowship event for our congregation and community. We are still working out the details for this event, but an inflatable bouncy house has been confirmed, the Douglas County Sheriff's Polar Patrol Ice Cream Truck will be there, a live DJ will liven the atmosphere with music and dancing, and a petting zoo will be onsite from 11am-1pm! Food will be available for purchase, there will be a variety of crafts and games to play. Fishing booth, anyone? Stay tuned for further updates and please contact the church office to sign up to volunteer!

Women's Group Sept. 21st

The next meeting of the Lithia Springs Methodist Church's Sara Bowden Unit will be in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 21st at 10am. We are blessed to welcome Mrs. Delma Morales, the founder of Sisters in Christ Ministries. Delma's dedication to uplifting women through faith and community is inspiring, and we are honored to have her share her insights and experiences with us. Please join us for a transformative time of fellowship! All are invited to attend. Please RSVP to the church office, as refreshments will be provided afterward.

PRC Walk For Life September 21st

The Pregnancy Resource Center is hosting a Walk for Life fundraising event on Saturday, September 21 at 10am at First Presbyterian of Douglasville, registration begins at 9am. You may register to be a Walker at partnersofprc.com. Participating in this event will be a blessing to the women of our community facing unplanned pregnancies and will help to save the lives of at-risk babies. If you are unable to walk but would like to sponsor a Walker, please fill out the bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate.

Financial Figures for July 2024

July Weekly Offering Total: \$20,453.03
July Monthly Expense Total: \$22,225.70
Loss for July 2024: -\$1,772.67

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