

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves”

SEPTEMBER 1, 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 John Gentry

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS,
AND INVOCATION** Rev. Thomas Long

PRELUDE "My Jesus, I Love Thee" John Gentry
Arr. Diane Bish

OPENING HYMN* "Come, We That Love the Lord" #626

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Thomas Long

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION #730

HYMN* "I Love You Lord"

I love you Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship you
O my soul rejoice
Take joy my King
In what You hear

May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Thomas Long
OFFERTORY "Perfect Peace" with "It is Well with My Soul" Chancel Choir

Arr. Allen

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

SCRIPTURE*

James 1:17-27

Pat Smith

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“Near to the Heart of God”

#357

BENEDICTION*

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“God of Grace and God of Glory”
Arr. Paul Manz

John Gentry

*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 worshiping with us!*

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

This Week's Schedule

Today, September 1:

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

Monday, September 2:

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 62

Wednesday, September 4:

5:30 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 62
6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, September 8:

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

The Church Office will be closed on

Monday, September 2, in Observance of Labor Day.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 3 at 10am.

Children's Sunday School Sept. 8th

Today our lesson focused on Exodus 17:8-16 and we learned that each person has an important job in serving the Lord and helping others. The memory verse for the week is Romans 12:9-10. We hope to see your children next Sunday, Sept. 8th at 9:45am in the Children's Wing!

Annette Winn Backpack Blessings Sept. 8th

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 Sept. 11th

Our Next Family Fun Night is on Wednesday, September 11th 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!

Two Week Countdown: Fall Festival Sept. 14th

Our Fall Festival is on Saturday, September 14th from 11-4pm. This will be a fun fellowship event for our congregation and community. We have confirmed an inflatable bouncy house, 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, and there will be a variety of crafts and games to play. Fishing booth, anyone? This event is TWO WEEKS AWAY! Please contact the church office 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 Sept. 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 cannot walk but would like to sponsor a Walker, please get in touch with the church office to receive a pledge form.

Movie Night Sept. 21st ages 10+

Join us in the Children's Wing for pizza, popcorn, and a movie on Saturday, September 21st from 6:00pm-8:30pm in the Children's Wing. We'll announce the title soon, so check back next week for details!

Financial Figures for August 2024

Earnings/Profit.....	\$25,900.55
Expenses/Loss	<u>-\$20,160.37</u>
Profit.....	\$5,740.00

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