

LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS

# ONCE UPON A HOLY NIGHT

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA



DECEMBER 8, 2024

# WELCOME TO LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

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

**Chiming of the Hour** Glenn McElroy

**Welcome, Announcements and Invocation** Rev. Thomas Long

**Prelude** “Christmas Bells” Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Robert W. Thygerson

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Scott & Darla Bragg

**Hymn\*** “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” #194

**Affirmation of Faith\*** The Apostles’ Creed #691

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

## Handbell Choir

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** Rowland H. Prichard Arr. Bill Ingram

**Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow** Traditional Spiritual Arr. Bill Ingram

**A Child is Born, Hallelujah!** Based on MESSIAH by G. F. Handel Arr. Bill Ingram

**Offertory Prayer** Rev. Thomas Long

**Offertory** “Christmas Medley” John Gentry; Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Albin C Whitworth

**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

**Once Upon a Holy Night**  
Chancel Choir

<b>Come, Emmanuel Medley</b>	Arr. Craig Adams
<b>Once Upon a Holy Night</b>	Arr. Camp Kirkland
<b>Welcome to Our World</b>	Arr. Robert Sterling
<b>Holy is the Lord</b>	Arr. Bradley Knight; Regi Stone Soloist - Vickie Brubaker
<b>Come, Now is the Time to Worship</b>	Arr. Robert Sterling Soloist - Arden Patterson-Peppers
<b>Christ is Born! (Medley)</b>	Arr. Russell Mauldin
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Thomas Long
<b>Postlude</b>	Postlude on "Gloria" Arr. Jason D. Payne Glenn McElroy

**Acknowledgments**  
**Handbell Choir**

Tammy Brubaker  
Jane Carter  
Lucretia Dallas  
Georgia Deakin  
Margaret L. Jackson

Glenn McElroy  
Bev McKown  
Barbara Skinner  
Bonnie Standridge  
Sandra Warr

**Chancel Choir**

Michael Barrett  
Tammy Brubaker  
Vickie Brubaker  
Glenda Cowan  
Georgia Deakin  
John Gentry  
Margaret L. Jackson  
Debra Livingston

Glenn McElroy  
Bev McKown  
Arden Patterson-Peppers  
Barbara Skinner  
George Walker  
Sherry Walker  
Bob Wallace  
Sandra Warr

**Other Acknowledgments**

Narration written and read by Margaret Arnold  
Organist - Glenn McElroy  
Pianist - John Gentry  
Sound - Dylan Bevins

## This Week's Schedule

### Today, December 8:

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School  
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Christmas Cantata

### Monday, December 9:

7:00 p.m. .... Boy Scouts Troop 62

### Tuesday, December 10:

7:00 p.m. .... Brotherhood of Methodist Men

### Wednesday, December 11:

4:30 p.m. .... Prayer Group  
6:00 p.m. .... Cub Scout Pack 62  
6:45 p.m. .... Handbells  
7:45 p.m. .... Choir Practice

### Friday, December 13:

5:00 p.m. .... How Far to Bethlehem

### Saturday, December 14:

5:00 p.m. .... How Far to Bethlehem

### Sunday, December 15:

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School  
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. .... How Far to Bethlehem

### From the Frempong Family

We are deeply grateful to our church family for the thoughtful letters sent to Olivia during her military training. Your kindness and prayers have been a great source of encouragement to her and a blessing to us all. Thank you for being such a supportive community!

### Donate Used Eyeglasses

The Progressive Class is carrying on the legacy of Barbara Marquez, who dedicated 20 years to sending eyeglasses into the mission field. Your donation of gently used eyeglasses can help bring the gift of clear vision to those in need. A collection box is located in the Progressive classroom. Thank you for continuing this impactful ministry!

## How Far to Bethlehem

Our annual live nativity drive-thru is being held on December 13, 14, 15 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer as an actor or in another capacity, please call the church office, as it takes many hands to make this happen. It is a truly moving experience that shares with the community the hope, peace, and fulfillment that Christ's birth brings and is a powerful reminder of God's love and the promise of salvation.

**Donations are needed to help make HFTB a special event!** Contributions of apple juice, homemade desserts, cookies, or snack cakes may be dropped off from Sunday, December 8, through Friday, December 13, in the conference room across from the church office or in the kitchen. Please clearly label your contributions with "HFTB." Monetary donations are also welcomed.

**A meal is served every evening of HFTB at 5pm,** before actors must dress at 6pm and take the stage at 7:00 p.m., when the community arrives. Thank you all, once again, for your generosity and support of our programs!

### LSMC Christmas Party

Immediately following worship service on December 22<sup>nd</sup> we will head down to the Fellowship Hall for a fun, festive catered celebration! Stay tuned for details in the coming weeks.

### November Financial Summary

Income.....	\$37,062.51
Expenses.....	(\$19,988.31)
Net Balance.....	\$17,074.20

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