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THIRD SUNDAY OF

ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024



LITHIA SPRINGS

METHODIST CHURCH

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	“Once in Royal David’s City” Arr. Anna Laura Page	Glenn McElroy
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		Mike and Mary Ann Davis
HYMN*	“Joy to the World”	#201
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
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		#730
HYMN*	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	#163

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY

“Come, Emmanuel Medley”

Chancel Choir

Arr. Craig Adams

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*

Philippians 4:4-7

Jimmy Derrick

Final Exhortations

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#192

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Yuletide Joyeux”

Glenn McElroy

Craig A. Penfield

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, December 15:

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

Monday, December 16:

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 62

Wednesday, December 18:

4:30 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 62

Thursday, December 19:

7:00 p.m. Kitchen Committee Mtg

Sunday, December 22:

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. LSMC Christmas Party

Thank You for Spreading Joy This Christmas!

We want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who supported this year's Operation Christmas Child Douglas County toy drive and distribution. Because of your generosity and kindness, we shared the love and joy of Christmas with 138 families and 326 children in our community. Your dedication to serving others truly made a difference, and we are grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you for helping us be the hands and feet of Christ this holiday season!

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.

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

Tonight from 7:00pm - 9:00pm is the last presentation of our annual live nativity drive-thru. If you would like to volunteer as an actor or in another capacity, please meet down in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm for a meal and to receive your assignment for the evening. 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.

LSMC Christmas Party

Immediately following worship service NEXT SUNDAY, December 22nd we will head down to the Fellowship Hall for a fun, festive and catered celebration! We would love for you to join us!

November Financial Summary

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

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