

“Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins.”



January 5, 2025



**LITHIA SPRINGS**  

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**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** “O Holy Child of Bethlehem” Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**HYMN\*** “We Three Kings of Orient Are” № 208

**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** Rev. Thomas Long

**HYMN\*** “In the Bleak Midwinter” № 186

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY** “Welcome to Our World” Chancel Choir

**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\***

Matthew 9:14-17

Lucretia Dallas

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

14 Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?"

15 Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

16 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. 17 Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Thomas Long

**HYMN\***

"The First Noel"

№ 188

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**POSTLUDE**

"Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn"

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Lyndell Leathermore

**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, January 5:

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

### Monday, January 6:

4:30 p.m. .... Executive Committee  
7:00 p.m. .... Boy Scouts Troop 62

### Tuesday, January 7:

7:00 p.m. .... Admin Council

### Wednesday, January 8:

4:30 p.m. .... Prayer Group  
6:00 p.m. .... Cub Scouts Pack 62  
6:45 p.m. .... Handbell Choir  
7:45 p.m. .... Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 9:

7:00 p.m. .... Kitchen Committee

### Sunday, January 12:

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

**Annual giving statements are available to pick up on the credenza behind the sanctuary. After January 20th, they will be mailed.**

## GMC IGNITE

### Special Called Annual Conference

Saturday, February 1st – 9:30 am- 3:00 pm  
Church on the Hill  
4600 Nelson Brogdon Blvd.  
Sugar Hill, GA 30518

Join us for this Special Called Annual Conference Event as we IGNITE our local churches to live according to the vision of the Global Methodist Church. We are blessed to have David Watson leading us in exploring scriptural holiness and how we can learn to spread it in our communities. We also hope Bishop John Pena Auta can join us for this special time together. Please register early, as we do have limited seats available. Lunch is included with your registration at [www.ngagmc.org/ignite](http://www.ngagmc.org/ignite).

## Flowers

If you would like to purchase flowers to honor or memorialize a loved one, please call the church office. Arrangements are now \$60 each and can be paid for by placing check or cash in the offering plate labeled as "Flowers."

## GMC Annual Conference 2025

Registration for this event goes live on January 20 so be on the lookout for more info! This year, Greensboro Methodist's Lake Oconee Campus will be our host.

## Dishes Pickup

Please come to the Fellowship Hall after worship today, Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, to reclaim any of your dishes left in the kitchen over the years. The kitchen renovation begins this month and this is a crucial step in the process.

## 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!

## Website & YouTube Channel Launch

We are excited to share that our official website and YouTube channel are now live! Visit our website at [lithiaspringsmethodist.org](http://lithiaspringsmethodist.org) for the latest news, events, and resources. And don't forget to check out our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/@LithiaSpringsMethodistChurch](https://youtube.com/@LithiaSpringsMethodistChurch) to enjoy recordings of our Sunday worship services. While you're there, be sure to hit the "Subscribe" button so you never miss out on new content. We look forward to staying connected with you online!

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