

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”



February 23, 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** John Gentry

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

**PRELUDE** “More Love to Thee, O Christ” John Gentry  
Arr. Fred Swann

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\*** Psalm 37

*Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;*

*for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.*

**Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.**

**Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

*Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:*

**He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.**

*Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.*

*Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.*

**The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.**

**The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE\*** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” № 23

**HYMN\*** “How Firm a Foundation” № 46

**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.

**ANTHEM** “The Church’s One Foundation” Handbell Choir  
Arr. Dan R. Edwards

**PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER** Rev. Thomas Long

**CHILDREN’S TIME** Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY** “Here I am, Lord” Handbell Choir  
Arr. Bill Ingram

**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\*** “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” № 586

**SCRIPTURE\*** Luke 6:27-38 Margaret L. Jackson

27 “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Rev. Thomas Long

**HYMN\*** “Trust and Obey” № 334

**BENEDICTION** Rev. Thomas Long

**POSTLUDE** “Fanfare and Trumpet Voluntary” John Gentry  
David Lasky

**\*Please stand as you are comfortable.**

## This Week's Schedule

### Today, February 23:

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

### Monday, February 24:

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

### Tuesday, February 25:

10:00 a.m. .... Fully Devoted Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. .... Finance

### Wednesday, February 26:

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

### Thursday, February 27:

7:00 p.m. ....Outreach Task Force

### Sunday, March 2:

9:15 a.m..... Shower Committee Meeting  
9:45 a.m.....Adult Sunday School  
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Worship Service

### Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00p.m.

### Sara Bowden Women's Group Meeting

Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00a.m. In the children's building.

### Baseball Day!

We are still working out the details for this event so stay tuned for further info in the coming weeks. TBD.

### Scout's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

When kitchen renovations near completion we will have a better idea of when the world's best spaghetti can be shared by all. TBD.

### Free Six-Week Nutrition Class

April 23rd, 30th, May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th  
11:00am - 12:30p.m. at LSMC.

This class focuses on nutrition, physical activity, and food preparation. Each lesson includes a brief physical activity and recipe demonstration.

Participants receive a free cookbook upon completion of the course! Please call the church office to register.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 2:00p.m.

It will be here before we know it! Please consider donating candy and small toys with which to stuff eggs for the hunt, as well as themed baskets to give away at the event. These can be dropped off in the church office or in the Children's Wing.

### Be Still and Know God

#### GMC Annual Conference

June 5-7<sup>th</sup> Greensboro Methodist's

#### Lake Oconee Campus

Registration for GMC Annual Conference is now available at <https://ngagmc.org/AC2025/>

### Nursery Volunteers Needed

If you love children and have a heart to serve, we are seeking a group of volunteers that can rotate as nursery attendants on Sunday mornings. Please let the church office know if you are interested.

### Donate Used Religious Literature

The Progressive Class is carrying on the legacy of Nancy Morgan, who made it her mission to send used religious literature to an organization called Love Packages in Decatur, Alabama. Used Upper Rooms, Sunday School lesson books, other Bible study books are all accepted. Please drop off your donations in the Progressive classroom to help share the Good News!

### Website & YouTube Channel Launch

Visit our website at [lithiaspringsmethodist.org](http://lithiaspringsmethodist.org) for the latest news, events, and resources. Check out our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/@LithiaSpringsMethodistChurch](http://youtube.com/@LithiaSpringsMethodistChurch) to enjoy recordings of our Sunday worship services.

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