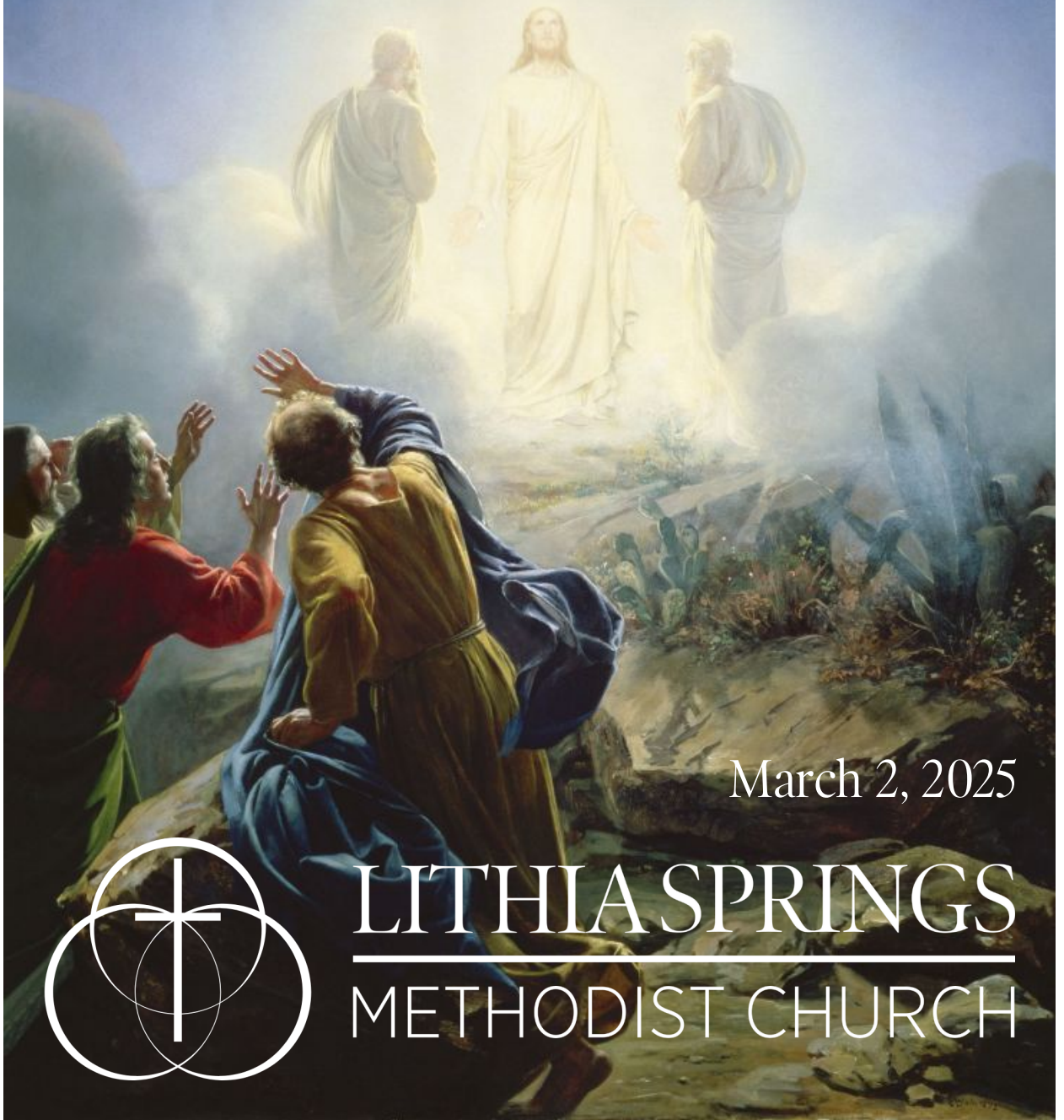


**“This is my Son, whom I have chosen;
listen to him.”**



March 2, 2025



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

“Terra Beata”
Arr. Rick Parks

Glenn McElroy

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalms 99

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise your great and awesome name — he is holy.

The King is mighty, he loves justice — you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the Lord and he answered them.

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

**You answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.
Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.**

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

No 23

HYMN*

“Majesty”

No 63

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

The Apostles’ Creed

No 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*

“Be Thou My Vision”

№ 49

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY

“God Leads Us Along”

Chancel Choir

Arr. Jay Rouse

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*

Luke 9:28-42

Susan Savage

28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. 31 They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. 32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. 33 As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” 36 When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

37 The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. 38 A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. 39 A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. 40 I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.”

41 “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.”

42 Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. 43 And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

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

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“I Love to Tell the Story”

№ 160

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Coronation”
Arr. Robert Lau

Glenn McElroy

This Week's Schedule

Today, 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

Monday, March 3:

7:00 p.m.Boy Scouts Troop 62

Tuesday, March 4:

10:00 a.m.Fully Devoted Bible Study
7:00 p.m.Admin Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 5:

7:00 p.m.Ash Wednesday Service
8:00 p.m.Choir Practice

Thursday, March 6:

7:00 p.m.Hospitality Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 9:

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

No Prayer Group Meeting or Handbell Practice this week, March 5th, due to Ash Wednesday service.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5th, at 7:00p.m.

Hospitality Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 6th at 7p.m. in the Conference Room across from the church office.

Sara Bowden Women's Group Meeting

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

Special Guest Performance

Join us on Tuesday, April 1st at 10a.m. in the Sanctuary for a special performance by the Glory Quartet!

Easter Cantata

Join us on Palm Sunday, April 13th during worship for the Chancel and Handbell Choir's presentation of their 2025 Easter Cantata.

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. Thank you!

Be Still and Know God

GMC Annual Conference

June 5-7th 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 & Eyeglasses

Please drop off donations in the Progressive classroom.

Website & YouTube Channel Launch

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

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