

“Stand Firm in the Lord.”



March 16, 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**

“Softly and Tenderly”  
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Glenn McElroy

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Psalm 27:1-14

*1 The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?*

**2 When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.**

*3 Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.*

**4 One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: all the days of my life,**

*5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; and set me high upon a rock.*

**6 Then my head will be exalted at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

*7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.*

**8 My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

*9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.*

**10 Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.**

*11 Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.*

**12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.**

*13 I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.*

**14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE\***

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

No 23

**HYMN\***

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No 45



**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**

“Holy Ground”

Chancel Choir

Arr. Paul Ferin

Soloist Vickie Brubaker

**PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**OFFERTORY**

“The Blood of Jesus Medley”

John Gentry

Arr. Marilyn Ham

**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\***

“In Shady Green Pastures”

№ 372

**SCRIPTURE\***

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Bonnie Standridge

17 Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. 18 For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. 4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Leader: *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*People: **Thanks be to God.****SERMON**

Rev. Thomas Long

**HYMN\***

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

№ 44

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**POSTLUDE**

“O Worship the King”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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

## This Week's Schedule

### Today, March 16:

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

### Monday, March 17:

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

### Tuesday, March 18:

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

### Wednesday, March 19:

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

### Sunday, March 23:

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

### Special Guest Performance

Join us on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10a.m. in the Sanctuary for a special performance by the Glory Quartet!  
RSVP to the church office.

### LSMC Community Garden Workday

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-12pm. Come out and help prepare the garden for the growing season!

### Easter Cantata

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

### 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!

### Brotherhood of Methodist Men's Yard Sale

Support the LSMC Men's group by donating items in

good condition to be sold on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>! Donations can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall.

### Nutrition Class Postponed

This course has been postponed until we confirm schedules and programming with the new instructor.

### 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.

### 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 share your interest with the church office.

### Donate Used Religious Literature & Eyeglasses

Please drop off donations in the Progressive classroom.

### 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](https://youtube.com/@LithiaSpringsMethodistChurch) to enjoy recordings of our Sunday worship services.

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