

“Unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

March 23, 2025

LITHIASPRINGS

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** “Prelude in E Minor BWV 555” John Gentry  
J.S. Bach

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\*** Psalm 63

*1 You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.*

**2 I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.**

*3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.*

**4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name, I will lift up my hands.**

*5 I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.*

**6 On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.**

*7 Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.*

**8 I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.**

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

**HYMN\*** “Lead On, O King Eternal” № 478

**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** “Near the Cross” with “Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed” Handbell Choir  
Arr. Dobrinski

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

**CHILDREN’S TIME** Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY** “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” Handbell Choir  
Arr. Kinyon

**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\*** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” № 242

**SCRIPTURE\*** Luke 13:1-9 Pat Smith  
13 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? 3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. 4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

6 Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. 7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

8 “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Rev. Thomas Long

**HYMN\*** “I Am Thine, O Lord” № 591

**BENEDICTION** Rev. Thomas Long

**POSTLUDE** “Wondrous Love” Variation 4 Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Robert Lau

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

## This Week's Schedule

### Today, March 23:

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

### Monday, March 24:

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

### Tuesday, March 25:

10:00 a.m. ....Fully Devoted Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. .... Hospitality Kitchen Sub Comm  
7:00 p.m. .... Outreach Task Force

### Wednesday, March 26:

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 30:

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! Invite your family and friends and please RSVP to the church office as coffee and light snacks will be provided.

### 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 themed baskets** to be given 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 have 40 tickets reserved for the Atlanta Braves vs Boston Red Sox game on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm. Tickets are \$35 + tax. Food is not included but transportation is provided. The seats are in the general admission section of the stadium. In next week's bulletin will be a registration form to confirm your attendance. Payment can be made later after we have an exact cost per ticket.

### 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

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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