

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

April 27, 2025



LITHIA SPRINGS

METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME TO LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God,
in celebration of Cassie Camp's birthday with love from her Mom and Dad,
and in honor of Gary Ward's birthday from Bill and Cynthia Camp.
May these blooms be a joyful reminder of God's blessings and the gift of life.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Glenn McElroy

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVOCATION

Rev. Thomas Long

PRELUDE

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”
Arr. Anna Laura Page

Glenn McElroy

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

No 23

HYMN*

“Because He Lives”

No 265

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.

ANTHEM

“When I Survey”
Arr. Dennis Allen

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“O Worship the King/Come, Now is the Time to Worship”
C. Tornquist

John Gentry

DOXOLOGY*

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

No 682

HYMN*

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

No 241

SCRIPTURE*

John 20:19-31

Bart Arther

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“The Old Rugged Cross”

No 236

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
Arr. Mary McDonald

Glenn McElroy

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

This Week's Schedule

Today, April 27:

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
1:30 p.m. Livingston Baby Shower

Monday, April 28:

12:30 p.m. Kitchen Manual Committee
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 62

Tuesday, April 29:

7:00 p.m. Finance

Wednesday, April 30:

5:00 p.m. Prayer Group
6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 1:

12:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer

Saturday, May 3:

8:00 a.m..... BMM Yard Sale

Sunday, May 4:

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
1:30 p.m. Skinner/Smith Wedding Shower

Join us next Sunday, May 4th at 1:30 PM in the Children's Building for a wedding shower honoring Dalton Skinner and Madison Smith. Please RSVP to Margaret Arnold.

Baseball Day Reminder

If you reserved a ticket for Braves Baseball Day, please submit your \$35 payment as soon as possible. Payments may be made through the church office or placed into the offering plate (please label it "Baseball Day"). Thank you!

National Day of Prayer Gathering

Join us at the Douglas County Courthouse THIS Thursday, May 1st at 12:00 PM for a special time of community prayer. The gathering will take place outside around the flagpole, and seating is limited, so please arrive early or consider bringing your own chair. This year marks the 25th anniversary of this event, and we'll be joined by special guest speakers. Let's come together in faith and unity as we lift up our

community, our nation, and one another in prayer.

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 3rd From 8am-4pm. Donations can be dropped off in the Children's Building or call the church office to schedule a pick up!

Glory Quartet Retirement Concert

Sunday, May 18th at 3:00pm
Southwest Christian Church
3836 US 29, Newnan

Family Fun Nights RETURN starting on May 28th from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Join us for a snack-supper and come play games every 2nd and 4th Wednesday through October! All ages are welcomed and encouraged. Invite a friend or neighbor!

Vacation Bible School in on June 23rd - 26th from 6:00 - 8:30pm. Come explore how earth, wind, fire, and a whole lotta water relate to Jesus and the Bible! Call the church office to register.

Please Donate Used Religious Literature & Eyeglasses in the Progressive classroom.

Scout's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

June 29th after worship service!

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/>

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