

# Welcome to

# LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Lucretia Dallas' birthday, with love from her Mom.

## **CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

John Gentry

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVOCATION

Rev. Thomas Long

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Stephenie Nichole Dallas Julien Parker Livingston

PRELUDE

"Thanks Be to Thee, O Lord" G.F. Handel / Arr. R. Parks

John Gentry

#### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

CHORAL RESPONSE\* "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

№ 23

HYMN\*

"God of Our Fathers"

No 59

**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** "Patriotic Medley" Chancel Choir Arr. Amy Potter Congregation PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Thomas Long CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Thomas Long OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Thomas Long **OFFERTORY** "In Memoriam" John Gentry Robert Powell 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\* "Nearer, My God, to Thee" No 345 **SCRIPTURE\*** John 5:1-9 Jimmy Derrick The Healing at the Pool 5 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" 7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." 8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God. **SERMON** Rev. Thomas Long HYMN\* "God of Grace and God of Glory" No 45 BENEDICTION Rev. Thomas Long POSTLUDE "Paean" John Gentry

Gordon Young

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

#### This Week's Schedule

loday, May 25:	
9:45 a.m	Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m	Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service

## Monday, May 26:

7:00 p.m.	Boy	Scouts	Troop (	52
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#### Tuesday, May 27:

1:00 p.m	.Kitchen S	Sub-Committee	Mtg
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#### Wednesday, May 28:

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

#### Friday, May 30:

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#### Sunday, June 1:

9:45 a.m	Adult Sunday School
	Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m	Sunday Worship Service
12:00 p.m	Fellowship Hall Dedication

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. It will reopen at 10:00am on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### Congratulations to Our 2025 Graduates!

We celebrate Stephenie Nichole Dallas and Julien Parker Livingston on their achievements. May God bless you with wisdom, joy, and guidance as you step into this new chapter.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

—Jeremiah 29:11

#### Chapel Open for Prayer

The chapel will be open each Sunday beginning at 9:00 AM for a time of quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome to come and prepare their hearts before worship.

#### Children's Church Available!

We're excited to offer Children's Church for our little ones! Children through first grade are invited to join us during worship for a special time of learning, fun, and faith made just for them.

As we prepare our hearts for Pentecost, we invite you to take a "ribbon" and write down your prayers, whether they are prayers for yourself, for others, or for the world. These "ribbons" will be a visible expression of our hopes, needs, and trust in the Holy Spirit. Please add to these prayers each week as we will be creating a prayer wall over the next weeks prior to Pentecost. Write on the ribbon and place in the collection plate. We will display and grow our wall as a symbol of our shared prayer and expectation for the Spirit's presence and power among and within each of us.

"They all joined together constantly in prayer..." Acts 1:14

#### Braves Game Day is THIS FRIDAY!

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 (labeled Baseball Day). We will meet at the church at 4:00pm, load buses, and head to the stadium.

Family Fun Nights RETURN THIS WEEK Starting on May 28th from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Children's Building. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mr. Kevin is looking for volunteers to help make this year's VBS a success! If you would like to help, please let him know or call the church office.

# Scout Sunday Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

June 29th after worship service!

#### To contact the church office,

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