



“Return home and tell
how much God has
done for you.”

June 22, 2025



LITHIA SPRINGS

METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME TO LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Bill Camp on his birthday, with love from Cynthia.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

John Gentry

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVOCATION

Rev. Thomas Long

PRELUDE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
Arr. Michael Burkhardt

John Gentry

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 22:19-28

But you, Lord, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him—may your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

For dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

No 23

HYMN*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

No 8

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*

“America, the Beautiful”
Arr. Douglas Wagner

Handchime Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN’S TIME

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY

“Hymn of Promise”
Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Handchime Choir

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

№ 682

HYMN*

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

Please See Insert

SCRIPTURE*

Luke 8:26-39

Bart Arther

26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. 27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” 29 For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

30 Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. 31 And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. 33 When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, 35 and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. 37 Then all the people of the region of the Gerasene asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“God Will Take Care of You”

№ 358

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Jubilate”
Arr. Gordon Young

John Gentry

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

This Week's Schedule

Today, June 22:

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Kitchen/FH Shower

Monday, June 23:

6:00 p.m. VBS
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 62

Tuesday, June 24:

6:00 p.m. VBS

Wednesday, June 25:

5:00 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. VBS

Thursday, June 26:

6:00 p.m. VBS

Saturday, June 28:

5:00 p.m. Women's Group Picnic

Sunday, June 29:

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Scout's Spaghetti Dinner

You're Invited!

Join us for a Kitchen & Fellowship Hall Shower **TODAY**, June 22 at 2:00 PM as we celebrate our newly renovated space! We'll unwrap gifts given to help stock the kitchen and enjoy light refreshments together. Come be part of the joy and fellowship!

Vacation Bible School is THIS WEEK 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! Fill out and submit your registration forms on our website or in person tomorrow night.

Sara Bowden Methodist Women's Picnic

Saturday, June 28th, at 5pm.

All women and their husbands are invited to join us for our annual picnic in support of the Pregnancy Resource Center! Bring an unwrapped gift, come ready for fellowship, and enjoy a meal together as we support this meaningful cause.

Youth Night – Ages 10+

All kids ages 10 and up are invited to join us for Youth Night this summer! We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM on the following Wednesdays:

July 2 • July 16 • July 30

Each evening will be filled with music, fun, fellowship, and faith-building activities. Bring a friend!

Free Nutrition Class Wednesday, July 16th 3-5pm

Learn practical tips for healthy eating at our upcoming class on Wednesday, July 16, from 3:00–5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a healthy, balanced snack during the session and receive a free booklet filled with recipes and nutrition tips. This class is sponsored by Open Hand Atlanta and the SNAP-Ed Program. All are welcome! Please RSVP to the church office by phone or email to help us prepare.

Scout Sunday Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

NEXT SUNDAY June 29th after worship service! Plan to stay with us after worship to support Troop 62's trip to summer camp! Child's plate is \$6, individual plate is \$10, and a family of four is \$25. Check and cash are accepted. Please make checks out to Troop 62 with "Spaghetti Dinner" on the memo line.

Check Out LSMC's New Merch Shop:

Rooted and Redeemed in Lithia Springs!

Visit our website and click on the "Resources" tab in the top menu, then select "Merch" to explore our brand-new shop! We're still working on new designs, so if you have ideas, favorite scriptures, or suggestions for what you'd like to see on a shirt, please call or email the church office—we'd love your input! P.S. A special design for VBS 2025 is already available—don't miss it!

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