

For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.



August 10, 2025

LITHIA SPRINGS  
METHODIST CHURCH



# WELCOME TO LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

*The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God.*

## **CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Glenn McElroy

## **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVOCATION**

Rev. Thomas Long

## **PRELUDE**

“More About Jesus”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Lani Smith

## **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Psalm 33:12-22

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he  
chose for his inheritance.*

**From heaven the Lord looks down and sees  
all mankind;**

*From his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—*

**He who forms the hearts of all, who  
considers everything they do.**

*No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior  
escapes by his great strength.*

**A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite  
all its great strength it cannot save.**

*But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on  
those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them  
from death and keep them alive in famine.*

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help  
and our shield.**

*In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.*

**May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,  
even as we put our hope in you.**

## **CHORAL RESPONSE\***

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

No 23

## **HYMN\***

“I Have Found a Friend in Jesus”

No 142

## **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**

“Rock-A My Soul”

Chancel Choir

Soloist Vickie Brubaker

Arr. Dave and Jean Perry

## **PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

Rev. Thomas Long

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

## OFFERTORY

"I Love to Tell the Story"  
John Gentry & Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Albin C. Whitworth

## DOXOLOGY\*

No 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  
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## HYMN\*

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"  
No 116

## SCRIPTURE\*

Luke 12:32-40  
Barbara Skinner

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. 37 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. 38 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. 39 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

## HYMN\*

"Take Time to Be Holy"  
No 316

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

## POSTLUDE

"Send the Light"  
Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Humphrey Turner

## This Week's Schedule

### Today, August 10:

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

### Tuesday, August 12:

7:00 p.m. .... Methodist Men's Group

### Wednesday, August 13:

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

### Thursday, August 14:

7:00 p.m. .... Fall Festival Planning Meeting

### Sunday, August 17:

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

### Family Fun Night – Olympic Edition

Join us next Wednesday, August 13, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for the kickoff of our Summer Olympics-themed Family Fun Nights! From now through October, we'll form teams and go head-to-head in exciting Olympic-style minute-to-win-it games each week. Points will be tallied after every night, and medals will be awarded to our Gold, Silver, and Bronze winners at the end of the season. Come for the games, stay for the laughs, food, and fellowship—bring the whole family and invite a friend!

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

### **Fall Festival Planning Meeting**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 14, at 7:00 PM in the conference room across from the church office. We'll be discussing ideas and activities for our upcoming Fall Festival on Saturday, October 4. Bring your creativity and help make this outreach event the best yet! Please call the church office to let us know you'll be there.

### **Youth Group Returns – Sunday, Aug. 24, 4 PM**

Youth Group is back! All youth ages 10 and up are invited to kick off a new season of fun, fellowship, and faith. We'll meet every other Sunday, so bring the books we started over the summer and be ready to dive back in.

### **AWES Backpack Blessings – August 24**

Our annual Backpack Blessings food drive is here! On Saturday, August 24, we'll collect food donations to support students at Annette Winn Elementary School. Staff members discreetly place food into backpacks each Friday for children who may not have enough to eat over the weekend. Your donations directly impact a child's life. Items can be left on the altar or dropped off at the church office, Monday–Friday, 10 AM–2 PM.

### **Suggested items include:**

- **Ramen noodles**
- **Mac and cheese cups**
- **Individual cereal boxes**
- **Cereal bars**
- **Granola bars**
- **Canned pasta (with pop tops)**
- **Canned spaghetti with meatballs**
- **Vienna sausages**
- **Beanie weenies**
- **Canned meats (like tuna or chicken)**
- **Canned fruit**
- **Pudding cups**
- **Applesauce cups**
- **Fruit snacks**
- **Crackers (with peanut butter, cheese, or plain)**
- **Chips (individual snack bags)**
- **Juice boxes**
- **Shelf-stable milk boxes**
- **Instant oatmeal packets**

Let's come together as a church family to bless our community's children with food, love, and the reassurance that they're not alone.

### **WINGS: Women In God's Service – August 10**

Women of LSMC are invited by First Baptist Church of Lithia Springs to attend an inspirational service with guest speaker Diana Cowan of Warrior Wigs. Refreshments at 4:30 PM; service from 5:00–6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Admission is \$10. RSVP at [fbclithiasprings.churchcenter.com](http://fbclithiasprings.churchcenter.com).

### **Not My Jesus Bible Study**

Begins Monday, August 18 at 7 PM and Tuesday, August 19 at 10 AM. If you haven't reserved your spot, please fill out the bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office.

### **September Prayer Conference**

The NGA GMC presents a Prayer Conference with Steve Seamands on Saturday, September 27, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM at Hillside Church in Woodstock. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/251325391712048>.

### **Prayer Requests**

Please remember to lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers throughout the week:

Betty Andrews • Mike Arther • Dianne & Jim Dempsey • Beverly Kitchens • Mae Ora O'Shields • Scott Rainwater • Cole Black • Sarah & Zach Varnell • Clydie Jones • Rosamary & Danny Johnson

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