

“For all those who
exalt themselves
will be humbled,
and those who
humble themselves
will be exalted.”



LITHIA SPRINGS
METHODIST CHURCH
August 31, 2025

WELCOME TO
LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

The flowers in the chancel area are dedicated to the glory of God.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Glenn McElroy

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
INVOCATION**

Rev. Thomas Long

PRELUDE

“Do, Lord”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Jason W. Krug

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 112

*Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who
find great delight in his commands.*

**Their children will be mighty in the land; the
generation of the upright will be blessed.**

*Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their
righteousness endures forever.*

**Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious and compassionate
and righteous.**

*Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.*

**Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they
will be remembered forever.**

*They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are
steadfast, trusting in the Lord.*

**Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;
in the end they will look in triumph on their
foes.**

*They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their
righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high
in honor.*

**The wicked will see and be vexed, they will
gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings
of the wicked will come to nothing.**

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

No 23

HYMN*

“I’ll Fly Away”

Albert E. Brumley And Sons

Verse 1

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus

I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

Verse 2

When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Verse 3

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

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

“Let the River Flow”
Chancel Choir
Arr. Stan Pethel

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN’S TIME

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
John Gentry
Arr. Marilyn Ham

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
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HYMN*

“Love Lifted Me”
№ 89

SCRIPTURE*

Luke 14:1, 7-14
Nathan Harvey

14 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. 7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8 “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. 10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a

better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. 11 For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

12 Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“Count Your Blessings”
№ 385

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Jesus Saves”
Glenn McElroy
Arr. Mary McDonald

This Week’s Schedule

Today, August 31:

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. Acolyte Training

Tuesday, September 2:

7:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Wednesday, September 3:

5:00 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 62
6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, September 7:

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

***Please stand as you are comfortable**

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st, in observance of Labor Day, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 10am.

An Invitation to Sing and Serve!

Celebrate the birth of our Savior by joining the Chancel Choir for our Christmas Cantata! We'd love to have you sing with us. This year's cantata, Festival of Carols, is filled with beloved Christmas carols you already know, making it easy and joyful for singers of every experience level. Whether you've sung in a choir before or simply love Christmas music, this is a wonderful way to share the joy of the season.

Rehearsals begin: September 17, 7:45–8:15 PM
Cantata presentation: December 7, 11:00 AM
RSVP: Not required, but encouraged so we have enough music prepared
Call/Text: 404-316-2107
Email: c_spivey@bellsouth.net

Come be part of a meaningful celebration that will bless our congregation and community. Lift your voice in praise, make new friends, and help share the message of Christmas through song.

“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.” — Psalm 96:1

Pregnancy Resource Center Fundraiser

Beverly Kitchens and Marilyn Hutton are accepting pledges for the Pregnancy Resource Center's Walk for Life, taking place Saturday, September 20. Your pledge will help support the PRC's mission to serve moms, dads, and babies in our community with life-affirming care and resources. To make a pledge or learn more, please call Beverly at 678.644.1611 or Marilyn at 770.377.6016.

Youth Group September 7th, 4 PM

Youth ages 10 and up are invited. We'll meet every other Sunday in the Children's Building. Bring your Books and invite a friend!

Family Fun Night – Olympic Edition

Next FFN is on Wednesday, September 10th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

AWES Backpack Blessings 2025

Thank you, church family! Because of your generous support of our Annette Winn Elementary School Backpack Blessings food drive, we delivered a large collection of kid-friendly food to the

school on Monday, August 25th. The principal and staff were so thankful, and your gifts will bless students and families in the weeks ahead. A special thank-you to our volunteers who sorted, loaded, and delivered everything to the school. You made this possible! We are so grateful for your love in action! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community!

Not My Jesus Bible Study

Monday, September 8th at 7 PM
Tuesday, September 9th at 10 AM.

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>.

Save the Date!

Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 4th, 11-4pm.

Charge Conference 2025

Sunday, November 23rd, at 3pm
Here, at Lithia Springs Methodist Church!

Prayer Requests

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

Betty Andrews • Bev McKown • Sandra Warr • Mike Arther • Dianne & Jim Dempsey • Mae Ora O'Shields • Sarah & Zach Varnell • Rosamary & Danny Johnson • Debra Livingston • Joetta Hayes Eddie Andrews • Family of Carolen Hansard Family of Brantley Smith • Betty McWhorter • Families of Minnesota School Shooting

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