

“And whoever does not carry their cross  
and follow me cannot be my disciple.”



LITHIA SPRINGS  
METHODIST CHURCH

September 7, 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

**PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER**

Marilyn Hutton

**PRELUDE**

“Here I am, Lord”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. John Carter

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Psalm 1

*Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company  
of mockers,*

**but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

*That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which  
yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.*

**Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the  
wind blows away.**

*Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor  
sinners in the assembly of the righteous.*

**For the Lord watches over the way of the  
righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to  
destruction.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE\***

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

№ 23

**HYMN\***

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

№ 7

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\***

The Apostles’ Creed

№ 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.

**PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**THE SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION**

Pg 730

**HYMN\***

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

№ 311

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY**

“We Shall See Jesus”

Chancel Choir

Arr. Fettke

**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

**SCRIPTURE\***

Luke 14:25-33  
Susan Savage

25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

28 "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

31 "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Leader: *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Thomas Long

**HYMN\***

"Living For Jesus"  
№ 595

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**POSTLUDE**

"How Firm a Foundation"  
John Gentry  
Arr. Don Hustad

**This Week's Schedule**

**Today, September 7:**

9:45 a.m.....Adult Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.....Children's Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. ....Sunday Worship Service  
4:00 p.m. ....Youth Group

**Monday, September 8:**

1:00 p.m. .... Hospitality Committee  
7:00 p.m. .... Boy Scouts Troop 62  
7:00 p.m. .... Bible Study

**Tuesday, September 9:**

10:00 a.m. .... Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. .... Executive Committee  
7:00 p.m. .... Methodist Men's Group

**Wednesday, September 10:**

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

**Sunday, September 14:**

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

**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](mailto:c_spivey@bellsouth.net)

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

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 TODAY, 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 THIS Wednesday, September 10th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend or neighbor and join us for supper and fun!

### **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. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11-4pm.

### **Charge Conference 2025**

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 • 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 • Hank Seedorf

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