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and let down the nets for a catch.”



LITHIA SPRINGS  
METHODIST CHURCH  
September 14, 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**

“Spirit Song”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. John Carter

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Psalm 14

*The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.*

**The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.**

*All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.*

**Do all these evildoers know nothing? They devour my people as though eating bread; they never call on the Lord.**

*But there they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous.*

**You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.**

*Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!*

**When the Lord restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!**

**CHORAL RESPONSE\***

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

№ 23

**HYMN\***

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

№ 37

**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.

**ANTHEM**

“Here in This House”

Chancel Choir

Arr. Russell Mauldin

**PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY**

“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”  
Ron Hudson  
Ira Stanphill

**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\***

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”  
№ 130

**SCRIPTURE\***

Luke 5:1-10  
Pat Smith

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. 2 He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

5 Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10

and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.”

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Thomas Long

**HYMN\***

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”  
№ 405

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**POSTLUDE**

“Lift Up Your Heads”  
Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Carolyn Hamlin

**This Week’s Schedule**

**Today, September 14:**

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

**Monday, September 15:**

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

**Tuesday, September 16:**

10:00 a.m. .... Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. .... Trustees

**Wednesday, September 17:**

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

**Saturday, September 20:**

9:00 a.m.....PRC Walk for Life

**Sunday, September 21:**

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

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

### **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)

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 NEXT SUNDAY**

#### **September 21st, 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 Wednesday, September 24th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend or neighbor and join us for supper and fun!

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

Monday, September 15th at 7 PM

Tuesday, September 16th 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. If you would like to host a booth and sell your crafts, art, treats, services, etc., please call or email the church office. Be on the lookout for volunteer sign-ups!

### **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 • Debra Livingston • Joetta Hayes • Betty McWhorter • Victims of violence throughout our land • Mike & Mary Ann Davis • Hank Seedorf • Koreen Lail • Diane Dempsey

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