

“When the Son of Man comes,
will he find faith on the earth?”



LITHIA SPRINGS
METHODIST CHURCH

October 19, 2025

WELCOME TO
LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Glenn McElroy

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS,
AND INVOCATION**

Rev. Thomas Long

HOW FAR TO BETHLEHEM

Barbara Skinner

PRELUDE

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Carolyn Hamlin

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 121

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help
come from?*

**My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of
heaven and earth.**

*He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you
will not slumber;*

**Indeed, he who watches over Israel will
neither slumber nor sleep.**

*The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at
your right hand;*

**The sun will not harm you by day, nor the
moon by night.**

*The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch
over your life;*

**The Lord will watch over your coming and
going both now and forevermore.**

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

No 23

HYMN*

“How Firm a Foundation”

No 46

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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Handbell Choir

Arr. Eithun

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN’S TIME

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“All Night, All Day”
Handbell Choir
Arr. Geschke

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*

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”
№ 44

SCRIPTURE*

Joseph Arroliga
Luke 18:1-8

18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

4 “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

6 And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

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

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”
№ 440

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Marche Maestoso”
Glenn McElroy
Arr. Marvin Gaspard

This Week’s Schedule

Today, October 19:

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, October 20:

5:00 p.m. CE Mitchell Tutoring Services
7:00 p.m. Advent Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 62

Tuesday, October 21:

10:00 a.m. Advent Bible Study
5:00 p.m. CE Mitchell Tutoring Services
6:00 p.m. Trustees

Wednesday, October 22:

4:00 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Final Family Fun Night
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 62
6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir/Cantata Choir

Thursday, October 23:

4:00 p.m. Outreach Task Force
5:00 p.m. CE Mitchell Tutoring Services

Sunday, October 26:

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

The Weary World Rejoices Advent Bible Study

Join us for a new 4-week Bible study on Mondays at 7pm and Tuesdays at 10am beginning October 20th and 21st. Materials will be provided. Please share your interest with the church office so that we have your booklets prepared.

***Please stand as you are comfortable**

After-School Tutoring at LSMC

We are excited to share that Lithia Springs Methodist Church has partnered with the C.E. Mitchell Services Foundation to provide after-school tutoring right here in our Children's Building! Tutoring is available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 5:00–8:00 PM, offering students extra support in Math and Language Arts. We are grateful for this new opportunity to serve families in our community and help students reach their full potential! Please call the church office for more information.

Youth Group TODAY!

October 19th, 4 PM

Youth ages 10 and up are invited. Meet in the Children's Building. Bring your Books and invite a friend!

Remaining dates for 2025 are: Nov. 2, Nov. 16.

Family Fun Night THIS WEEK

The last FFN of 2025 is Wednesday, October 22nd, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend or neighbor and join us for supper and fun!

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 31st

Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 31st! Setup will begin at 6:00 PM, and the event will run from 6:30–8:00 PM. Candy donations are welcome and may be dropped off in the church office. If you plan to decorate a trunk, please call the church office to sign up. Bring your family, invite your friends, and come enjoy a safe and festive night together!

Save the Date! Soup and Salad Sunday

November 9th at 12:00 p.m.

Save the Date! OCC Shoebox Packing Party

Saturday, November 15th, at 12:00 p.m.

Charge Conference 2025

Sunday, November 23rd, at 3pm

Here, at Lithia Springs Methodist Church!

Save the Date! Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 7th, at 11am

Save the Date! How Far to Bethlehem

Experience the wonder of Christmas at LSMC's live drive-thru nativity, How Far to Bethlehem, on December 12, 13, and 14 from 7:00–9:00 PM. Journey through the story of Christ's birth from the comfort of your car as living scenes bring the miracle of that holy night to life. This special ministry is free and open to all. We also invite you to be part of the story! Volunteers are needed to serve as actors, greeters, traffic guides, and dressing assistants. Help is also needed for scene setup and breakdown. If you'd like to participate in this meaningful outreach, please call or email the church office.

Come celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with us—there's a place for everyone in Bethlehem!

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 • Joetta Hayes
Koreen Lail • Sandra Rodríguez • Rosamary &
Danny Johnson • Kenneth Bowden • Mike & Pam
Arther • Middle East Peace Agreement • Mary Ann
Davis & Family

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