

“Remember how the Lord your God led you.”



LITHIA SPRINGS

METHODIST CHURCH

November 16, 2025

WELCOME TO  
**LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH**

*The flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of Mike Arther's birthday, rejoicing in  
the light he brings to his loved ones and the faithfulness with  
which he walks with the Lord.*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Glenn McElroy

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
AND INVOCATION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**PRELUDE**

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. James Michael Stevens

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Psalm 96: 1-6

*Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

**Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his  
salvation day after day.**

*Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds  
among all peoples.*

**For great is the Lord and most worthy of  
praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

*For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made  
the heavens.*

**Splendor and majesty are before him; strength  
and glory are in his sanctuary.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE\***

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

№ 23

**HYMN\***

“To God Be the Glory”

№ 531

**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**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Chancel Choir

Arr. Sheldon Curry

**PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Glenn McElroy & John Gentry

Arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

**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

**HYMN\***

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No 45

**SCRIPTURE\***

Pat Smith

Deuteronomy 8:2, 11-20

2 Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

11 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. 12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 15 He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. 16 He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. 17 You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. 19 If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. 20 Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the Lord your God.

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”

No 385

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**POSTLUDE**

“All Hail the Power”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**This Week’s Schedule**

**Today, November 16:**

- 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, November 17:**

- 5:00 p.m. .... CE Mitchell Tutoring Services
- 7:00 p.m. .... Scouts Troop 62

**Tuesday, November 18:**

- 5:00 p.m. .... CE Mitchell Tutoring Services
- 6:00 p.m. .... Trustees

**Wednesday, November 19:**

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

**Thursday, November 20:**

- 5:00 p.m. .... CE Mitchell Tutoring Services

**Sunday, November 23:**

- 9:45 a.m.....Adult Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m..... Children’s Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. .... Sunday Worship Service
- 3:00 p.m. .... Charge Conference at LSMC

**Thank You from the Sara Bowden Methodist Women’s Group**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Soup & Salad Fundraiser last Sunday—those who cooked, served, set up, cleaned up, donated, and shared a meal together. Your generosity fuels our designated mission projects and blesses our community. We are grateful for you!

**Thank You for Supporting Our OCC Shoebox Packing Party**

Thank you to everyone who donated items, packed a box, or joined us yesterday for our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party. Your generosity and joyful service will bless children around the world with the love of Christ. We celebrate the way our church family came together to serve with purpose and compassion.

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

## **Charge Conference 2025 NEXT SUNDAY!**

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 3pm  
Here, at Lithia Springs Methodist Church!

## **Youth Group TODAY!**

### **November 16th, 4 PM**

Youth ages 10 and up are invited. Meet in the Children's Building. Bring your Books and invite a friend! This will be our last meeting for the year, but we will start back in January 2026.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

### **Douglas County Toy Distribution**

LSMC is honored to host the OCC DC Toy Distribution on Saturday, December 6, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM. We need volunteers to help hand out toys that have already been selected and labeled for each family. We also need a team of volunteers to pick up the toys from the OCC warehouse earlier that week, tentatively Wednesday, December 3 (final date and time to be confirmed), and then help separate and label toys by age and family. If you are available to help with either part of this project, please contact the church office.

## **Douglas County Senior Services**

### **Kinship Program**

On Tuesday, December 16, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Douglas County Senior Services will host a special evening for grandparents age 55 and older who are raising children. Enjoy a meal, an informative presentation, and a fun activity designed to support and encourage families in this important role. Childcare will be provided. Please call the church office to reserve your spot!

## **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.

## **Save the Date! Hanging of the Greens**

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 11am

## **Save the Date! Christmas Cantata**

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11am

## **Save the Date! Movie Matinee**

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm, Fellowship Hall

## **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!

## **Save the Date! Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 12:00pm

## **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 • Rosamary & Danny Johnson • Kenneth Bowden • Mike & Pam Arther • Sherry & George Walker • Troyce & Marie Hendricks • Joetta Hayes Bill Camp • Michael Offei • Diane Dempsey • Calvin Hembree • Sybil Clower • Karen Forehand • Family of Kathy Macias • Family of Scott Rainwater

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