

“Giving joyful thanks to the Father”



LITHIA SPRINGS
METHODIST CHURCH
November 23, 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

PRELUDE

“Reflecting on the Beauty of the Earth”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. James Conley

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 105:1-3, 7-8, 45

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

Make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

Tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

**Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord
rejoice!**

He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

**He remembers his covenant forever, the word
that he commanded, for a thousand
generations. Praise the Lord!**

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

№ 23

HYMN*

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

№ 83

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

“Thanksgiving Medley”

Chancel Choir

Arr. Sandy Wilkinson

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN’S TIME

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“Holy, Holy, Holy” with “Worthy of Worship”

John Gentry

Arr. Suzanne Arant

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*

“We Gather Together”
No 81

SCRIPTURE*

Jess Arther
Colossians 1:9-20

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You”

Jesus, we just want to thank You (3 times)
Thank You for being so good.
Jesus, we just want to praise You, (3 times)
Praise You for being so good.
Savior, we just want to serve You, (3 times),
Serve You for being so good.
Jesus, we know You are coming, (3 times)
Take us to live in Your home.

Gloria Gaither & William J. Gather:
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BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”
Glenn McElroy
Arr. Lloyd Larson

This Week’s Schedule

Today, 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

Monday, November 24:

7:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 62

Sunday, November 30:

9:45 a.m.....Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m.....Children’s Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 in observation of Thanksgiving.

Charge Conference 2025 TODAY at 3 pm.

Here, at Lithia Springs Methodist Church! Join us for a special time of worship with other GMC churches in our district. Light refreshments will be served.

***Please stand as you are comfortable**

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 30th 11am

Join us next Sunday, November 30th, for our annual Hanging of the Greens service as we prepare our hearts and our sanctuary for the Advent season. Together, we will adorn the worship space with greenery, lights, and symbols of hope as we enter this sacred time of anticipation.

Come be part of this meaningful tradition as we celebrate the beginning of Advent and the joy of Christ's coming.

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. On that day, 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.

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! Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 7th, at 11am

Save the Date! Movie Matinee

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Sunday, December 7th, 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 21st, at 12:00pm

FREE - Church Pews Available

Two wooden pews from the children's wing are available for free to anyone who wants them. These are **heavy**! You'll need help moving them. Contact the church office if interested. First come, first served!

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 • Joetta Hayes Bill Camp • Michael Offei • Diane Dempsey • Calvin Hembree • Sybil Clower • Karen Forehand • Family of Kathy Macias • Family of Scott Rainwater • Family of Troyce Hendricks • Josh Carter

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