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LITHIA SPRINGS

METHODIST CHURCH

December 14, 2025

WELCOME TO
LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Glenn McElroy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Thomas Long

PRELUDE

“Christmas Bells”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. John Calkin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Joseph Arroliga

Katherine Avila

Emily & Ariel

HYMN*

“Joy to the World”

No 201

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

**THE SACRAMENT OF
HOLY COMMUNION**

Pg 730

HYMN*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

No 192

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY

“Celtic Advent Carol”

Chancel Choir

Arr. Ackerman, Barrett, Martin

THE DOXOLOGY*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Louis Bourgeois

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SCRIPTURE

Suzanne Williams

Luke 1:46b-55

“My soul glorifies the Lord
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for
me— holy is his name.
50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their
inmost thoughts.
52 He has brought down rulers from their
thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
53 He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
55 to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”
No 194

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”
Glenn McElroy
Arr. John Innes

This Week’s Schedule

Today, December 14:

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m..... Children’s Sunday School
11:00 a.m.Sunday Worship Service
5:00 p.m.HFTB Volunteer meal
7:00 p.m. HFTB

Monday, December 15:

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

Tuesday, December 16:

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

Wednesday, December 17:

4:00 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 62

***Please stand as you are comfortable**

Sunday, December 21:

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m.Sunday Worship Service
12:00 p.m.....LSMC Christmas Party

Thank You – OCC DC Toy Distribution

Thank you to everyone who served during this year's Operation Christmas Child Douglas County Toy Distribution. Preparation took place all week leading up to the distribution date on December 6th. It involved picking up toys from the warehouse, transporting them to the church, organizing them by gender and age, and thoughtfully selecting gifts for each family. Your dedication made the entire process smooth and joy-filled. Thank you also to the church members who helped with the drive-thru distribution this weekend. Your kindness and willingness to serve shared the love of Christ with our community.

How Far to Bethlehem – Last Night Tonight!

Tonight is the final evening of How Far to Bethlehem, from 7:00–9:00 PM. Volunteers will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM for soup and sandwiches before getting into costume and heading to their stations.

This year's event has been truly wonderful so far—full of joy, fellowship, and meaningful encounters with our community. Let's finish strong tonight as we share the story of Christ's birth one more time. Thank you to everyone who has served so faithfully!

LSMC Christmas Party – Next Sunday!

Wear your festive holiday attire and join us on December 21st at 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for our church Christmas Party. We'll enjoy a delicious catered meal, holiday fun, and warm fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas.

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 • Diane Dempsey • Sybil Clower • Karen Forehand • Lance Gay • John Gentry • Sandra Rodriguez • Tommy Schuber • Mike & Linda Lipe

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