

“So was fulfilled what was said through  
the prophets.”



LITHIA SPRINGS

METHODIST CHURCH

December 28, 2025

WELCOME TO  
**LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Glenn McElroy

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS  
AND INVOCATION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**PRELUDE**

“He is Born”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Mary McDonald

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

*Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like  
a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.*

*Awaken your might; come and save us.*

**Restore us, O God; make your face shine  
on us, that we may be saved.**

*How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger  
smolder against the prayers of your people?*

**You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have made them drink tears by the  
bowlful.**

*You have made us an object of derision to our  
neighbors, and our enemies mock us.*

**Restore us, God Almighty; make your face  
shine on us, that we may be saved.**

*Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the  
son of man you have raised up for yourself. Then we  
will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call  
on your name.*

**Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your  
face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

**HYMN\***

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

No 190

**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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Claire and Rose Livingston

**PASTORAL PRAYER;  
LORD’S PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Rev. Thomas Long

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

## OFFERTORY

Claire and Rose Livingston

## 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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## HYMN\*

“What Child is This?”  
No 179

## SCRIPTURE

Bart Arther  
Matthew 2:13-23

13 When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. 17 Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18 “A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted,  
because they are no more.”

19 After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt 20 and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

21 So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, 23 and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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

## SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

## HYMN\*

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”  
No 195

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

## POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World!”  
Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Lowell Mason

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

## This Week's Schedule

### Today, December 28:

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

### Sunday, January 4:

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

Lithia Springs Methodist Church Family,

As we reflect on this Christmas season, we give thanks for each person who helped make our worship, events, and celebrations meaningful and joy-filled. From decorating the sanctuary to serving at special events such as How Far to Bethlehem, Operation Christmas Child Douglas County, Samaritan's Purse OCC Shoeboxes, and the beautiful music ministry offered by our Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir, and also by preparing meals, offering hospitality, and supporting every ministry, your dedication and care have blessed our church and community.

We also express our gratitude to all who contributed their time, creativity, and devotion to this season's preparations. Through your service, whether seen or unseen, you helped proclaim the good news of Christ's birth with grace and love.

Thank you for your faithful work and for sharing your gifts with your church family. As we look ahead, we wish you a joyful and blessed New Year. May God's peace and guidance be with you as we begin 2026, and may His presence continue to strengthen our church in the year to come.

## FREE - Church Pew Available

One wooden pew from the children's wing is available for free to anyone who wants it. It is heavy! You'll need help moving it. 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 • Lance Gay • John Gentry • Sandra Rodriguez • Tommy Schuber • Mike & Linda Lipe • Wanda Shoemaker • Harold Staples

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