

“In him was life,  
and that life was the light of all mankind.”



LITHIA SPRINGS

METHODIST CHURCH

January 4, 2026

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**

“Good King Wenceslas”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Robert MacDonald

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Psalm 147:12-20

*Extol the Lord, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion.*

**He strengthens the bars of your gates and  
blesses your people within you.**

*He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the  
finest of wheat.*

**He sends his command to the earth; his word  
runs swiftly.**

*He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like  
ashes.*

**He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can  
withstand his icy blast?**

*He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes,  
and the waters flow.*

**He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws  
and decrees to Israel.**

*He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his  
laws.*

**Praise the Lord.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE\***

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

No 23

**HYMN\***

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

No 208

**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\***

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

No 186

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY**

“A Christmas Invitation”

Chancel Choir

Arr. Joseph 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**

Scott Bragg

John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Thomas Long

**HYMN\***

“The First Noel”  
No 188

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**POSTLUDE**

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”  
Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**This Week’s Schedule**

**Today, January 4:**

- 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..... Finance Committee

**Monday, January 5:**

- 6:00 p.m.....HVAC Mtg
- 7:00 p.m..... Scouts Troop 62

**Tuesday, January 6:**

- 7:00 p.m..... Admin Council

**Wednesday, January 7:**

- 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

**Thursday, January 8:**

- 5:00 p.m..... C.E.M. Tutoring

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

**Sunday, January 11:**

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School

9:45 a.m..... Children’s Sunday School

11:00 a.m. ....Sunday Worship Service

**Dear Church Family,**

**Carmen and I would like to express our sincere thanks for your generous Christmas gift given to us. We feel extremely blessed to have the opportunity to share in ministry with this congregation. Carmen and I wish each one of you a Happy New Year! May God continue to bless you and your families as we enter this new year.**

**Thomas**

**After School Tutoring at LSMC**

The C.E. Mitchell Foundation will begin after school tutoring again this week on Thursday, January 8th. Spaces are available through May 2026 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 5-8pm. Please call the church office for more information.

**As we begin a new year, we give thanks for God’s faithfulness and for the gift of this church family. We trust in the Lord who goes before us and walks beside us. May God’s grace guide your steps, His peace guard your hearts, and His love renew your strength as we continue to walk together in faith. We wish you and your loved ones a happy and blessed New Year.**

**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 • Mike & Linda Lipe • Wanda Shoemaker • Harold Staples • Pat Smith

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