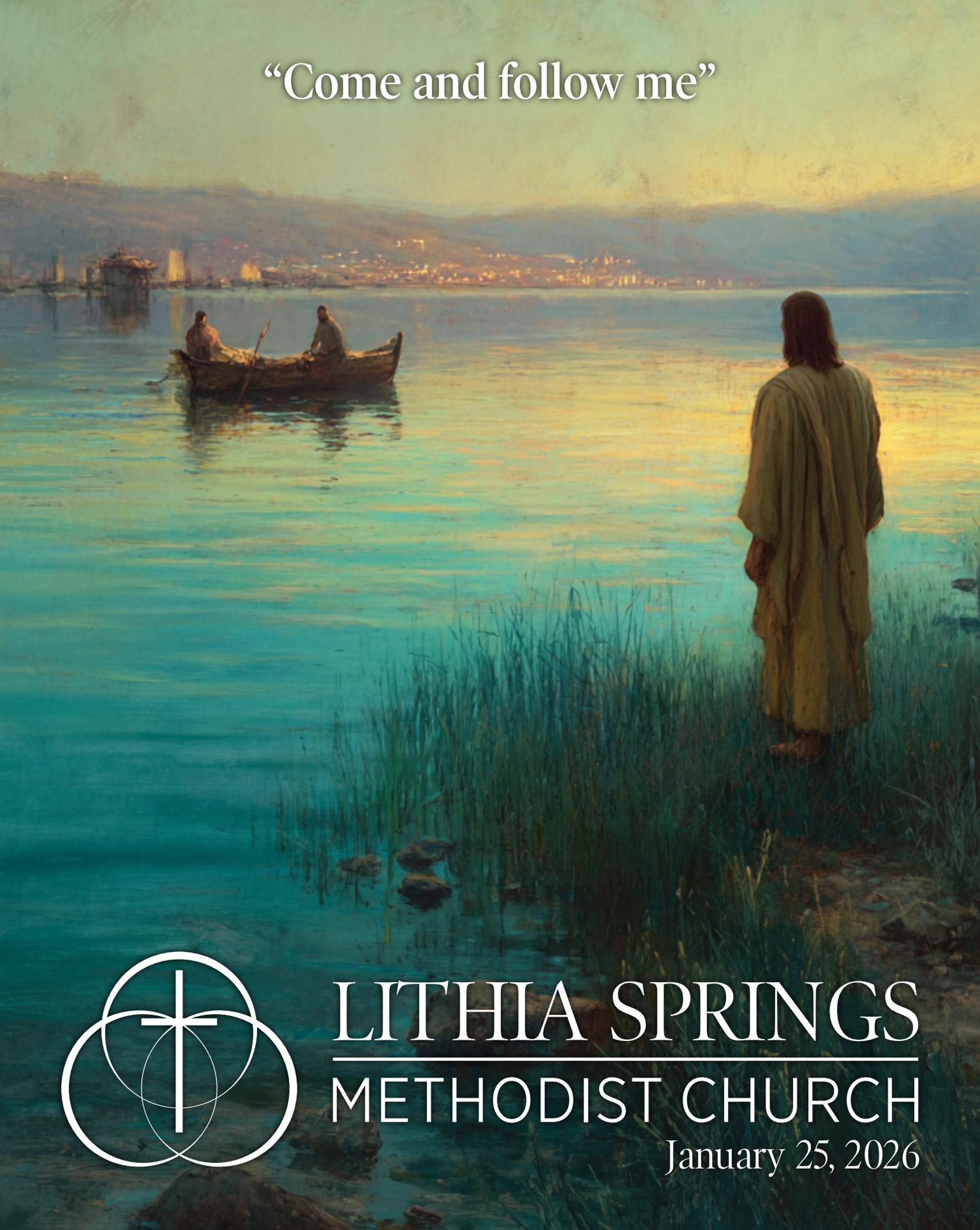


“Come and follow me”



LITHIA SPRINGS  
METHODIST CHURCH

January 25, 2026

# WELCOME TO LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

*The flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God  
and in remembrance of Steve Standridge by his mom.*

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Glenn McElroy

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVOCATION

Rev. Thomas Long

## PRELUDE

“Immortal, Invisible”

Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Daniel Burton

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Psalm 27:1,4-9

*The Lord is my light, and he saves me. Why should I fear  
anyone?*

**The Lord is my place of safety. Why should I  
be afraid?**

*I'm asking the Lord for only one thing. Here is what I  
want. I want to live in the house of the Lord all the days of  
my life. I want to look at the beauty of the Lord. I want to  
worship him in his temple.*

**I'm in trouble, he will keep me safe in his  
house. He will hide me in the safety of his holy  
tent. He will put me on a rock that is very high.**

*Then I will win the battle over my enemies who are all  
around me. At his holy tent I will offer my sacrifice with  
shouts of joy. I will sing and make music to the Lord.*

**Lord, hear my voice when I call out to you.  
Treat me with kindness and answer me.**

*My heart says, "Seek him!" Lord, I will seek you.*

**Don't turn your face away from me. Don't turn  
me away because you are angry. You have  
helped me. God my Savior, don't say no to me.  
Don't desert me.**

## CHORAL RESPONSE\*

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”  
No 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing,  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of His grace!

Words by Charles Wesley, music by Carl G. Glaser  
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## HYMN\*

“We've a Story to Tell to the Nations”  
No 458

## 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.

## ANTHEM

“Heaven Rejoices”  
Chancel Choir

Arr. Dennis and Nan Allen

## PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Thomas Long

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY**

“His Name is Wonderful”  
John Gentry & Glenn McElroy  
Arr. James & Stan Pethel

**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*  
CCLI 1152573

**HYMN\***

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”  
No 143

**SCRIPTURE**

Lucretia Dallas  
Matthew 4:12-23

12 John had been put in prison. When Jesus heard about this, he returned to Galilee. 13 Jesus left Nazareth and went to live in the city of Capernaum. It was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. 14 In that way, what the prophet Isaiah had said came true. He had said,

15 “Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Galilee, where Gentiles live!

Land along the Mediterranean Sea!  
Territory east of the Jordan River!

16 The people who are now living in darkness  
have seen a great light.

They are now living in a very dark land.

But a light has shined on them.”

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach. “Turn away from your sins!” he said. “The kingdom of heaven has come near.”

18 One day Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee. There he saw two brothers, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the lake, because they were fishermen. 19 “Come and follow me,” Jesus said. “I will send you out to fish for people.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers. They were James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee. As they were preparing their nets, Jesus called out to them. 22 Right away they left the boat and their father and followed Jesus.

23 Jesus went all over Galilee. There he taught in the synagogues. He preached the good news of God’s kingdom. He healed every illness and sickness the people had.

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Thomas Long

**HYMN\***

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”  
No 217

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**POSTLUDE**

“Another Year is Dawning”  
Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Mary McDonald

**This Week’s Schedule**

**Today, January 25:**

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..... Parent Meeting

**Monday, January 26:**

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

**Tuesday, January 27:**

5:00 p.m. .... Tutoring

**Wednesday, January 28:**

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 29:**

5:00 p.m. .... Tutoring

**Sunday, February 1:**

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

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

### **Youth Parent Meeting is Today at 12pm**

Following worship on Sunday, January 25, in the Children's Building to discuss 2026 youth group plans. Please bring your family schedule so we can coordinate together.

### **Easter Cantata Invitation**

The choir invites everyone to join us for Easter Cantata rehearsals, beginning Wednesday, January 28 at 7:45 PM in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday. The dress rehearsal will take place on March 25 at 7:15 PM, and the cantata will be presented in worship on March 29. All are welcome to sing—no prior choir experience needed. Come worship with us through music!

### **Circle Maker Bible Study**

Join us for The Circle Maker Bible Study, running February 16–March 10, with sessions offered Mondays at 7:00 PM or Tuesdays at 10:00 AM. The cost is \$11 for study materials; please write “The Circle Maker Bible Study” on the memo line of your check. Sign up by providing your name, phone number, and preferred session on the bulletin insert.

### **Living Faith Sunday School Class**

You're invited to join the Living Faith Sunday School Class as we begin a new 8-week study, God and Spiritual Beings. This engaging series includes video teaching and group discussion and will meet in the Green Room on the 3rd floor. All are welcome to attend—come grow in faith and understanding with us!

### **Scout Troop 62 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

Join us in supporting Scout Troop 62 at their Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, February 8, immediately following the worship service, in the Fellowship Hall.

*\$10 per plate - \$25 for a family of four*

Proceeds help offset the cost of Scout camp. Thank you for supporting Scout Troop 62!

### **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.

### **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 Corrollo • Adrienne Forehand • Susan Bennet • Betty Andrews • Mae Ora O'Shields • Mike & Pam Arther • Sherry & George Walker • Diane Dempsey • Sybil Clower • Lance Gay • Sandra Rodriguez • Harold Staples • Pat Smith • Family of David Schuber • Jacob Kirk • Kim & Danny Wine • Calvin Hembree

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