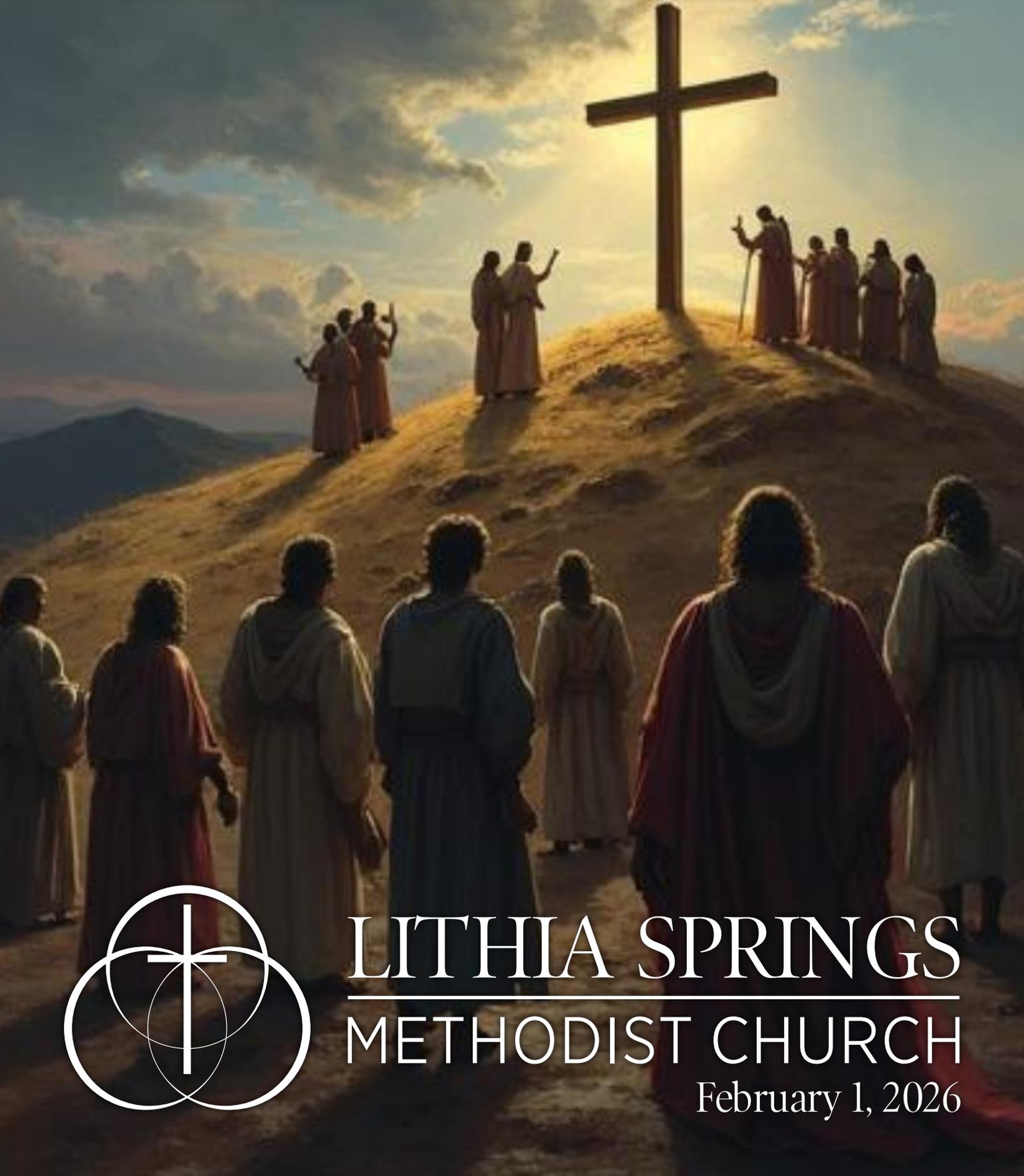


“Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”



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METHODIST CHURCH

February 1, 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

“Immortal, Invisible”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Daniel Burton

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 15

*Lord, who can live in your sacred tent? Who can stay on
your holy mountain?*

**Anyone who lives without blame and does what
is right. They speak the truth from their heart.**

*They don't tell lies about other people. They don't do wrong
to their neighbors. They don't say anything bad about them.*

**They hate evil people. But they honor those who
have respect for the Lord. They keep their
promises even when it hurts. They do not
change their mind.**

*They lend their money to poor people without charging
interest. They don't accept money to harm those who aren't
guilty.*

Anyone who lives like that will always be secure.

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

№ 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*

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

№ 45

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pg. 730

HYMN*

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

№ 143

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY

“Heaven Rejoices”

Chancel Choir

Arr. Dennis and Nan Allen

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

Lucretia Dallas

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

18 The message of the cross seems foolish to
those who are lost and dying. But it is God's power
to us who are being saved. 19 It is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of those who are
wise.

I will do away with the cleverness of those who
think they are so smart.”

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the
teacher of the law? Where are the great thinkers of
our time? Hasn't God made the wisdom of the
world foolish? 21 God wisely planned that the
world would not know him through its own
wisdom. It pleased God to use the foolish things
we preach to save those who believe. 22 Jews
require signs. Greeks look for wisdom. 23 But we
preach about Christ and his death on the cross.
That is very hard for Jews to accept. And everyone
else thinks it's foolish. 24 But there are those God
has chosen, both Jews and Greeks. To them Christ
is God's power and God's wisdom. 25 The foolish
things of God are wiser than human wisdom. The
weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were
when God chose you. Not many of you were
considered wise by human standards. Not many of
you were powerful. Not many of you belonged to
important families. 27 But God chose the foolish
things of the world to shame the wise. God chose
the weak things of the world to shame the strong.
28 God chose the things of this world that are
common and looked down on. God chose things
considered unimportant to do away with things
considered important. 29 So no one can boast to
God. 30 Because of what God has done, you
belong to Christ Jesus. He has become God's
wisdom for us. He makes us right with God. He

makes us holy and sets us free. 31 It is written,
“The one who boasts should boast about what the
Lord has done.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“A Charge To Keep I Have”

№ 456

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Another Year is Dawning”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Mary McDonald

This Week's Schedule

Today, February 1:

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. Youth Parent Meeting

Monday, February 2:

5:00 p.m. Tutoring

7:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 62

Tuesday, February 3:

5:00 p.m. Tutoring

Wednesday, February 4:

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, February 5:

5:00 p.m. Tutoring

Sunday, February 8:

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. Spaghetti Dinner

***Please stand as you are comfortable**

Youth Parent Meeting Today at 12pm

Following worship on Sunday, February 1, in the Children's Building, join us for a meeting to discuss 2026 youth group plans. Please bring your family schedules 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 • The Family of Kathy King Householder • McCant Hayes

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