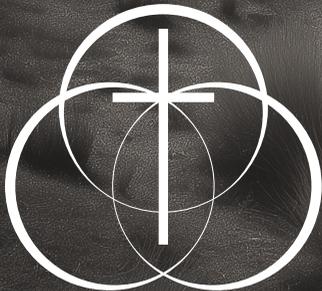


"Worship the Lord your God
and serve Him only."



LITHIA SPRINGS

METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to Lithia Springs Methodist Church.
We are blessed to have you join us in worship.

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

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Rick Parks

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 32

*Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose
sins are covered.*

**Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does
not count against them and in whose spirit is
no deceit.**

*When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my
groaning all day long.*

**For day and night your hand was heavy on
me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of
summer.**

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up
my iniquity.*

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to
the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my
sin.**

*Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be
found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach
them.*

**You are my hiding place; you will protect me
from trouble and surround me with songs of
deliverance.**

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.*

**Do not be like the horse or the mule, which
have no understanding but must be
controlled by bit and bridle or they will not
come to you.**

*Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing
love surrounds the one who trusts in him.*

**Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you
righteous; sing, all you who are upright in
heart!**

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*

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

No 569

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
"Out of the Ashes"
Chancel Choir
Arr. Marty Parks

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER
Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN'S TIME
Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY PRAYER
Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY
"Room at the Cross for You"
Arr. Ira Stanphill
Ron Hudson

DOXOLOGY*
No 682

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words Thomas Ken; Music Louis Bourgeois
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SCRIPTURE*
Nathan Harvey
Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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

SERMON
Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*
"Take Time to Be Holy"
No 316

BENEDICTION
Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Glenn McElroy
Arr. Daniel Burton

This Week's Schedule
Today, February 22:
9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Youth Group
Monday, February 23:
5:00 p.m. Tutoring
7:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 62
7:00 p.m. Circle Bible Study

Tuesday, February 24:

10:00 a.m.Circle Bible Study
5:00 p.m.Tutoring
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Wednesday, February 25:

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 26:

5:00 p.m.Tutoring

Sunday, March 1:

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

Youth Group Meeting – Today at 4pm

Youth ages 10 and up are invited to meet in the Children's Building today at 4:00 PM. Going forward, we will meet every other Sunday; our next meeting will be Sunday, March 8. Please remember to bring your books.

March Mission: Bring a friend!

Braves Game Night Out

Join us Friday, April 24 to watch the Atlanta Braves vs. Philadelphia Phillies at 7:00 PM! Tickets will be approximately \$35 per person. We will meet at the church and travel together by van to the stadium. Look for a bulletin insert next Sunday to reserve your spot. Spots are limited—don't wait!

Palm Sunday Lunch

On Palm Sunday, following the Easter Cantata, you are invited to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the meat and drinks. We kindly ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. We look forward to this special time of fellowship together!

Community Easter Egg Hunt – Donations Needed!

Easter is quickly approaching and we are excited to prepare for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 2:00 PM. To help make this special community event a success, we are collecting: wrapped candy (no chocolate, please), small toys and trinkets, and themed baskets to give away during the activity. Donations can be dropped off in the Children's Building. Our egg hunt is a cherished tradition and a wonderful opportunity to welcome families to our church community. Your generosity helps us create a joyful and meaningful experience for all who attend. Thank you for your continued support of our Children's Ministry!

Prayer Requests

Please remember to lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers throughout the week:

Susan Bennet • Betty Andrews • Mike & Pam Arther • Sherry & George Walker • Sandra Rodriguez • Kim & Danny Wine • McCant Hayes • Hannah & Gabrielle Beaujean

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