

“No one can enter the kingdom of God unless  
they are born of water and the Spirit.”



LITHIA SPRINGS  
METHODIST CHURCH

March 1, 2026

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**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Marvin Gaspard

### **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Psalm 121

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help  
come from?*

**My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of  
heaven and earth.**

*He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you  
will not slumber;*

**Indeed, he who watches over Israel will  
neither slumber nor sleep.**

*The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at  
your right hand;*

**The sun will not harm you by day, nor the  
moon by night.**

*The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch  
over your life;*

**The Lord will watch over your coming and  
going both now and forevermore.**

### **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  
CCLI 1152573

### **HYMN\***

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

№ 278

### **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\***

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

№ 233

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

### **OFFERTORY**

"O the Blood of Jesus"

Medley

Arr. Dennis Allen

## DOXOLOGY\*

№ 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\*

Susan Savage  
John 3:1-21

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses

lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

## HYMN\*

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

№ 241

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

## POSTLUDE

"Hymn"

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Daniel E Wagner

## This Week's Schedule

### Today, March 1:

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

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

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

### Monday, March 2:

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

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

7:00 p.m. .... Circle Bible Study

### Tuesday, March 3:

10:00 a.m. .... Circle Bible Study

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

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

### Wednesday, March 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, March 5:

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

### Sunday, March 8:

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

### Youth Group Meeting

Youth ages 10 and up are invited to meet in the Children's Building at 4:00 PM. There will be no meeting this week. We meet every other Sunday, and our next meeting will be Sunday, March 8. Please remember to bring your books.  
March Mission: Bring a friend!

### Braves Game Night Out

Last Sunday to register! Join us Friday, April 24 to watch the Atlanta Braves vs. Philadelphia Phillies at 7:00 PM! Tickets will be approximately \$35 per person with tax included. Payment is expected April 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church and travel together by van to the stadium. Look for a bulletin insert to reserve your spot!

### Soup & Salad Fundraiser – March 15

Join us on March 15 for a Soup & Salad Fundraiser supporting the Sara Bowden's Women's Group. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Come enjoy great food and fellowship while supporting this ministry.

### Easter Cantata- "Worthy The Lamb"

Our Easter Cantata, "Worthy The Lamb," will be presented during the worship service on March 29<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to join us for this special time of music and celebration.

### Luncheon

On Palm Sunday, following the Easter Cantata, please join us for a luncheon 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 (please no chocolate)
- Small toys and trinkets
- Themed baskets to give away during the hunt.

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. This Sunday, March 1st, is the last day to sign up for Baseball Day, so please be sure to sign up if you plan to attend.

We will also celebrate Communion this Sunday, and as is our custom, we will receive a special Community Assistance offering.

And mark your calendars — Sunday, March 15th, is our Soup and Salad Fundraiser. We hope you'll plan to join us for a great time of food and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday! 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 • Vallorie Wood

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