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LITHIA SPRINGS
METHODIST CHURCH

March 8, 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 in memory of Carolyn Anderson on her birthday. The rosebud on the altar honors the birth of Caleb Elijah McCall to Stephanie Dallas.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

John Gentry

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INVOCATION

Rev. Thomas Long

PRELUDE

"Wondrous Love" (Variation 3)

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Robert Lau

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalms 95:1-11

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Today, if only you would hear his voice,

"Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,

Where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did.

For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.'

So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

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
CCLI 1152573

HYMN*

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

No 4

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

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Handbell Choir

Arr. Bill Ingram

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Handbell Choir

Arr. Arnold Sherman

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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HYMN*

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

No 502

SCRIPTURE*

Joseph Arroliga

John 4:1-26

4 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— 2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. 3 So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

4 Now he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

17 "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

21 "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

26 Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

No 221

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

"Wondrous Love" (Variation 4)

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Robert Lau

This Week's Schedule

Today, 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

Monday, March 9:

5:00 p.m. Tutoring
7:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 62
7:00 p.m. Circle Bible Study

Tuesday, March 10:

10:00 a.m. Circle Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Tutoring
7:00 p.m. Men's Group

Wednesday, March 11:

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 12:

5:00 p.m. Tutoring

Sunday, March 15:

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. Soup & Salad Fundraiser

Youth Group Meeting

Youth ages 10 and up are invited to meet today in the Children's Building at 4:00 PM. We meet every other Sunday, and our next meeting will be Sunday, March 22. 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 with tax included. Payment is expected April 19th. We will meet at the church and travel together by van to the stadium.

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 29th. 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.

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 • Ron Black • Margaret Arnold • Stephanie Dallas • Caleb Elijah McCall • Alan Hembree

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