

“I Am Sending You!”



LITHIA SPRINGS
METHODIST CHURCH

April 12, 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

“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Anthony Giamanco

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Alleluia! New life opens before us, and our
hearts are glad!**

*Our resurrecting God continues to breathe new life into all
creation.*

Our loving God shows us the path of life.

We know with God's Spirit there is fullness of joy.

**Let us come together, rejoicing in God's good
gift of life!**

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*

"How Firm a Foundation"

№ 46

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.

ANTHEM

“Worthy the Lamb”

Chancel Choir

Hal Wright

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN'S TIME

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“He Still Looks Over Me”

R. Richards and Rodney Lay

Soloist: Ron Hudson

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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HYMN*

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
No 154

SCRIPTURE*

Harriet Frempong
John 20:19-31 NIV

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." 24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

"Because He Lives"
No 265

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
Glenn McElroy
Arr. Anna Laura Page

This Week's Schedule

Today, April 12:

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

Monday, April 13:

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

Tuesday, April 14:

5:00 p.m. Tutoring
6:30 p.m. Men's Group

Wednesday, April 15:

4:00 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Cubs Scouts Pack 62
6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 16:

5:00 p.m. Tutoring

Saturday, April 18:

10:00 a.m. Women's Group
11:00 a.m. Food Pantry Volunteers Arrive
2:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Sunday, April 19:

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
4:45 p.m. Youth Group Event

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who donated candy, provided baskets, and volunteered their time to make our Easter Egg Hunt such a wonderful success. Your generosity and willingness to serve helped create a joyful and welcoming experience for our church family and community. We are truly grateful for each of you!

Quarterly giving statements are now available on the credenza. We invite you to pick yours up at your convenience. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the church.

Youth Group Meeting

Youth ages 10 and up are invited to meet in the Children's Building at 4:00 PM. We meet every other Sunday. Next meeting is April 19 in Lithia Springs High School, at 4:30 for the FCA's Fields of faith. The event lasts from 5 to 8pm.

Braves Game Night Out

We are excited to have you with us on Friday, May 15 as we watch the Atlanta Braves vs. Boston Red Sox at 7:00 PM! Tickets are approximately \$35 per person (tax included). **Payment is due by May 3rd.** We will meet at the church and travel together by van to the stadium. **Tickets are no longer available.** If you have already signed up, please be sure to submit your payment by the due date. Additional details will be shared as we get closer to the event.

Children's Church Volunteers Needed

Our Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve occasionally in Children's Church. Volunteers will lead the Bible lesson for the day, but all lessons will be provided in advance and all crafts and supplies will be prepared for you.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help guide and encourage our children as they grow in their faith. Even serving periodically can make a meaningful difference.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office or speak with Jess Arther.

Mobile Food Pantry Ministry Launch

We are excited to launch our Mobile Food Pantry Ministry in partnership with the Atlanta Commu-

nity Food Bank and the Good Samaritan Center of Douglasville beginning Saturday, April 18. Food distribution starts at 2pm. This drive-through ministry will provide fresh food to families in our community.

Volunteers arrive at 11am and are needed for setup, produce bagging, traffic coordination, and distribution. The pantry will be held every other month on the third Saturday (April 18, June 20, August 15, October 17, December 19).

If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Men's Group Yard Sale – Saturday, May 2nd

Donations are now being accepted in the Children's Building. All proceeds will support activities and ministries within the church. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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 • Ron Black • Margaret Arnold • Wanda Wilkerson • Adrienne Forehand • Ginger Adams • Dale Arrington

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