



LITHIA SPRINGS

METHODIST CHURCH

April 26, 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

Meditation on "He Leadeth Me"

Glenn McElroy

Arr. John S Dixa

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before him with joyful songs.

**Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us,
and we are his; We are his people, the sheep of
his pasture.**

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

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*

"To God Be the Glory"

№ 531

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

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

Handbell Choir

Lloyd Larson

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

"When the Saints Go Marching"

Handbell Choir

Arr. Lloyd Larson

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 CCLI
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HYMN*

" My Jesus, My Savior"

№ 124

SCRIPTURE*

Nathan Harvey

2 Chronicles 20:1-20

20 After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat.

2 Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from Edom,[b] from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). 3 Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. 4 The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

5 Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard 6 and said: "Lord, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. 7 Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? 8 They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, 9 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.'"

10 "But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. 11 See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. 12 Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

13 All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord.

14 Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.

15 He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. 17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.'"

18 Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell

down in worship before the Lord. 19 Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

20 Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful."

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No 37

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Anna Laura Page

This Week's Schedule

Today, April 26:

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

Monday, April 27:

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

Tuesday, April 28:

5:00 p.m. Tutoring
6:00 p.m. Finance

Wednesday, April 29:

5:00 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 30:

5:00 p.m. Tutoring

Sunday, May 3:

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

Thank You from the Outreach Task Force

Thank you for your incredible support of our first drive-thru mobile food pantry! Because of you, we were able to serve 168 families, with the help of 64 volunteers a beautiful reflection of God's love in action. Every prayer and act of service made a meaningful difference, and we are truly grateful. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers as we grow and seek to serve our community well. We invite you to join us for our next distribution on Saturday, June 20th at 2:00 PM, with volunteers needed at 12:00 PM. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.
— The Outreach Task Force

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.

Men's Group Yard Sale – Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 8am-4pm Plan to come shop! We will have something for everyone!

Donations from the congregation are being accepted from 10am-2pm Monday-Friday. If you need to drop-off items after hours, or arrange a pickup, you may call the church office @ 770-948-5429, Bill Camp @ 770-855-6910, or Art Craddock @ 678-476-4768. All proceeds will support activities & ministries within the church.

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 next Sunday 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.

HVAC Meeting

The HVAC Committee will meet on May 7th at 7pm

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 May 3rd.

Methodist Men's Breakfast & Devotion

The Methodist Men of Mount Nebo Methodist Church invite all men to a District 5 breakfast and devotion on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Mount Nebo Methodist Church, 3685 Nebo Road, Dallas, GA 30157. Breakfast will include bacon and eggs, sausage, gravy and biscuits,

fruit, pastries, dessert, along with coffee and juice. The devotion will be based on John 4 and will focus on the theme, "What Can I Do?" as we consider how we can make disciples of Jesus Christ. The gathering will conclude at 11:00 AM.

Mobile Food Pantry Ministry

Our Mobile Food Pantry, in partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank and the Good Samaritan Center of Douglasville, provides fresh food through a drive-through distribution at 2:00 PM. Volunteers are needed at 11:00 AM.

Held every other month on the third Saturday (June 20, August 15, October 17, December 19).

Contact the church office to help.

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.

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 • David Hutton • Karen Forehand

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