

“Is anything too hard for the Lord?”



LITHIA SPRINGS
METHODIST CHURCH

June 14, 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 "What a Friend"

Glenn McElroy

Arr. James Conley

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

*I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for
mercy.*

**Because he turned his ear to me, I will call
on him as long as I live.**

*What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to
me?*

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on
the name of the Lord.**

*I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his
people.*

**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death
of his faithful servants.**

*Truly I am your servant, Lord; I serve you just as my
mother did; you have freed me from my chains.*

**I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and
call on the name of the Lord.**

*I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his
people, in the courts of the house of the Lord— in your
midst, Jerusalem.*

Praise the Lord.

HYMN*

"Christ for the World We Sing"

№ 450

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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Handbell Choir

Arr. Cathy Moglebust

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

"Celebration on 'Azmon'
(O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing)"

Handbell Choir

Arr. Brian Childers

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*

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

No 588

SCRIPTURE*

Genesis 18:1-15

Bart Arther

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. 2 Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

3 He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. 4 Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. 5 Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.” “Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

7 Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. 8 He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

9 “Where is your wife, Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said.

10 Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. 11 Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

13 Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

15 Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.”

But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“Rescue the Perishing”

No 457

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Mary McDonald

This Week's Schedule

Today, June 14:

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, June 15:

7:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 62

Tuesday, June 16:

6:00 p.m. Trustees

Wednesday, June 17:

4:00 p.m. Prayer Group

6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, June 20:

12:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry

4:00 p.m. Women's Group Picnic

Sunday, June 21:

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

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

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

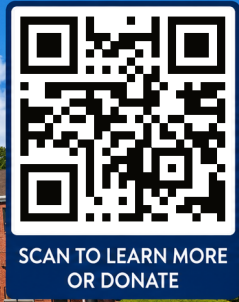
To our LSMC church family,

The Arther family wishes to thank each of you for the love, prayers, cards, meals, and quiet acts of kindness shown to us during Mike's illness and in the days since his passing. We have felt the body of Christ at work in your hands and hearts. Your presence at the Celebration of Life was a gift we will hold close for a long time to come. To God be the glory. With love and gratitude, Pam Arther and family

Women's Group Picnic & Baby Supply

Drive: Join us Saturday, June 20, from 4:00–7:00 PM at Clinton Nature Preserve on Ephesus Church Road in Winston, GA for a women's group picnic in support of the Pregnancy Resource Center. The women's groups will provide meat and drinks; please bring a side dish to share.

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We are also collecting unwrapped gifts and supplies. Requested items include baby toiletries such as creams and ointments, toiletries for moms, boys' socks and shoes up to size 10, boys' clothing up to 3T, children's books featuring diverse families and characters, bottles and sippy cups, toddler bowls, utensils, snack containers, baby wipes, and other child safety items such as outlet covers and cabinet locks. Please choose from this list only, as these items reflect the Pregnancy Resource Center's current needs.

Mobile Food Pantry Ministry

Need food? Or know someone who does? Our Mobile Food Pantry drive-through begins at 2:00 PM on the third Saturday every other month: June 20, August 15, October 17, and December 19. Volunteers are needed and should arrive at 12:00 PM to help prepare and serve. This ministry is offered in partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Borden Dairy, and the Good Samaritan Center of Douglasville. To volunteer, contact the church office; to receive food, simply drive through and help spread the word.

Vacation Bible School is NEAR!

VBS is almost here, and it's go time! Vacation

Bible School is July 6–10 from 6:00–8:30 PM, and we need all hands on deck as we prepare for this exciting week of ministry. Stop by the church June 15–19 from 10:00 AM–2:00 PM — Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday only. Please note: there will be no VBS prep on Thursday. We'll be working on crafts, recreation, decorations, and other VBS prep. Please also make sure you are signed up to serve! To register your child or volunteer, visit vbs.lithiaspringsmethodist.org. For more information, contact the church office or Jess Arther at 678.761.0744.

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

Betty Andrews, Sherry & George Walker, Sandra Rodriguez, McCant Hayes, Margaret Arnold, Wanda Wilkerson, Dale Arrington, Steve Gay, David Hutton, Karen Forehand, Sadie Grace McCoy, Kenneth Bowden, Jane Williams, Angela Hughes, Family of Mike Arther, Victims of LS Apartment fire, Families in Nigeria

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