



LITHIA SPRINGS
METHODIST CHURCH

July 19, 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 Lily of the Valley

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Mercy Bartlett

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 139:1-2, 23-24 NIV

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

**You know when I sit and when I rise; you
perceive my thoughts from afar.**

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know
my anxious thoughts.*

**See if there is any offensive way in me and
lead me in the way everlasting.**

HYMN*

“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

No 552

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

“At Calvary”

Chancel Choir

Arr. J. Daniel Smith

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN'S TIME

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“Glory To His Name”

Ron Hudson

Arr. E.A Hoffman

DOXOLOGY*

No 682

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words Thomas Ken; Music Louis Bourgeois

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HYMN*

“There's Something About That Name”

No 134

SCRIPTURE*

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 NIV

Susan Savage

24 Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

27 “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field?

Where then did the weeds come from?’
28 “An enemy did this,’ he replied.
“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

29 “No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”

36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

37 He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40 “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*
“Abide with Me”
№ 678

BENEDICTION
Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE
Postlude on “When We All Get to Heaven”
Glenn McElroy
Arr. James Conley

This Week's Schedule
Today, July 19:
9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Monday, July 20:
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 22:
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Thursday, July 23:
6:00 p.m. Community Night

Sunday, July 26:
9:45 a.m..... Childrens Sunday School
9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Church-wide Potluck Luncheon

Quartley giving statements will be given out at the end of the month.

Community Night @ LSMC
Thursday, July 23
Join us for Community Night at Lithia Springs Methodist Church on Thursday, July 23, from 6:00–8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Because of the weather during VBS, we were unable to hold our planned water activities or celebrate reaching our mission goal. We’re making it up at Community Night! Join us for supper, fellowship, water games, and plenty of fun. Indoor games and activities will also be available for adults and anyone who prefers to stay dry. As promised, Sam will be covered in Silly String in celebration of meeting our VBS mission goal! Everyone is invited!

HVAC Committee Meeting
The HVAC Team will hold an important meeting on August 4 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Your participation helps ensure our facilities remain comfortable and welcoming for everyone.

District Men’s Breakfast
All men are invited to join together for the District Men’s Breakfast on Saturday, August 29 at 9:00 AM at Flint Hill Global Methodist Church, located at 4072 Hiram Sudie Rd., Hiram, GA 30141. This gathering offers a wonderful

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opportunity for fellowship, encouragement, and connection with men from across the district. Come enjoy a warm meal and meaningful conversation.

Church-wide Potluck Luncheon

Join us for a church-wide Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, July 26, 2026, immediately following Sunday worship. Meats, bread, and drinks will be provided. Please bring vegetables, salads, or desserts to share. The Hospitality Committee will be in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30 AM to receive your items.

Ghana Clothing Drive

The Crusaders Sunday School Class is having a clothing drive for the people of Ghana. Michael Offei, who is a member of this class, is involved with a ministry in this country and they have ask

for help. This ministry needs items of clothing for children, women, and men as they help those in need. (Please note, Ghana is in West Africa where the weather is hot) Please bring your lightly used clothing to the church. It will be boxed up and shipped to Ghana in a few weeks. Thank you for your help as we shared with the people in Ghana.

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

Sherry & George Walker, Sandra Rodriguez, McCant & Joetta Hayes, Wanda Wilkerson, Dale Arrington, Steve Gay, David Hutton, Sadie Grace McCoy, Kenneth Bowden, Jane Williams, Angela Hughes, Family of Elsie Turpin, Families in Nigeria & Venezuela

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