



LITHIA SPRINGS

METHODIST CHURCH

July 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 and in Memory of Randy Arnold's Birthday by his
family.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Glenn McElroy

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INVOCATION

Rev. Thomas Long

PRELUDE

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Arr. Lani Smith

Glenn McElroy

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 105

*Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known
among the nations what he has done.*

**Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his
wonderful acts.**

*Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the
Lord rejoice.*

**Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his
face always.**

*Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the
judgments he pronounced,*

**O descendants of Abraham his servant, O
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

**He remembers his covenant forever, the
word he commanded, for a thousand
generations.**

HYMN*

“I Have Found a Friend in Jesus”

No 142

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

“The Promises of God”

Chancel Choir

Arr. Stan Pethel

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“Ivory Palaces”

Arr. Tedd Smith; Don Hustad
John Gentry; Glenn McElroy

DOXOLOGY*

No 682

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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HYMN*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

No 116

SCRIPTURE*

Olivia Frempong
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 NIV

[31] He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. [32] Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

[33] He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

[44] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

[45] “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. [46] When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

[47] “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. [48] When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. [49] This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous [50] and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

[51] “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

[52] He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

No 440

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”

Arr. James Conley

Glenn McElroy

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, July 26:

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch
4:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, July 27:

7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 62

Wednesday, July 29:

4:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Sunday, August 2:

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

Elsie Turpin cherished her LSMC family, and we, her family, are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, kindness, prayers, and support you have shown during this time of loss. Thank you, The Turpin Family

Church-wide Potluck Luncheon

Join us for a church-wide Potluck Luncheon TODAY, July 26, 2026, immediately following Sunday worship. Meats, bread, and drinks will be provided.

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 in 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 you help as we shared with the people in Ghana.

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Mobile Food Pantry Ministry

In partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank and the Good Samaritan Center of Douglasville, our Mobile Food Pantry provides fresh food to our community through a convenient drive-through distribution beginning at 2:00 PM. This outreach takes place every other month on the third Saturday (August 15, October 17, and December 19). Volunteers are an essential part of this ministry and are asked to arrive at 12:00 PM to help prepare and serve. If you would like to be part of this meaningful outreach, please contact the church office—or if you need food or know of someone who does, plan to drive through and spread the word.

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

Prayer Requests

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 • Dale Arrington • Steve Gay • David Hutton • Kenneth Bowden • Jane Williams • Jonas Long • Bill Garren • Bonnie Standridge

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