

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY****THE ORDER OF WORSHIP****JANUARY 4, 2026**

Ringing of the Hour

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for Your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

People: ***Nations shall come to the brightness of His dawn, and kings to the splendor of His rising.***

Leader: Like the Magi, we have followed the star, seeking the one who brings hope and salvation.

People: ***The mystery once hidden has now been revealed — Christ is for all people, near and far.***

Leader: Let us bring our gifts of praise and open our hearts, for the Light of the World has come!

People: ***We worship Christ who draws all people to Himself — our King, our Savior, our Light!***

\*Congregational Hymns

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* [vs. 1-4]

MH No. 211

We Three Kings [1, 2, 5]

MH No. 254

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

MH No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

\*Passing of the Peace

Welcome &amp; Announcements

Rev. Hamilton

Children's Moment [Children move to King's Kids Worship]

Leigh Law

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Rev. Hamilton

Pastoral Prayer &amp; Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hamilton

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.******Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen***

Gloria Patri

MH No. 70

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.***

Offering

My Gift to You

Lisa Hardy

\*Doxology

***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.***

Special Music

One Small Child

Bonnie Frerking

Teaching Text:

Ephesians 3:1-12

Meditation:

"The Mystery Made Known by Revelation"

\*Benediction

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***Please Stay to Help Take Down our Christmas Decorations and Store Them Away***

\*Congregation Standing

***Wake up sleeper and rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. [Ephesians 5:14]*****Blessing Box Ministry Sunday**

Today is Blessing Box Sunday. Prayerfully consider either a financial donation or donations of non-perishable food & drinks. Please help us to continue this important ministry. Donations can be dropped off at the church office during business hours.

**Brown Bag Study**

We will resume our normal schedule on **January 6th** with our study of chapter one. If you are interested in joining us you have time to get a copy of the book, Prayer in the Night, For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep by Tish Harrison Warren.

**Joy Fellowship**

On **Thursday, January 8th** at 12:00 Noon, join us for a time of fellowship to celebrate the new year. Bring your favorite dishes to share.

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

The second Sunday in January is Baptism of the Lord Sunday celebrating Jesus' Baptism and the beginning of His earthly ministry. During our worship that Sunday we will remember our own Baptism with a special litany.

**Operations Council Meeting**

The Operations Council will hold a short meeting after worship on **January 11th** in the Open-Door classroom. The purpose of this meeting is a suggestion from the Finance Committee to make an offering to the Uganda Mission from the general church. Council members are: Chase Dahlstrom [chair], Mike Johnson, Dan Harrell, Sonya Bundick, Philip Hardy, Jay Eckles, Frederick Miller, Martha Wright, Mitchell Coffee, Mike Law, Justin Hardy, and Richard Bass.

**King's Kids**

We will have our next King's Kids this Wednesday, **January 14th** from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. If you haven't already, please let Leigh know today if your child will be attending so that she can prepare enough copies and supplies for everyone.

**Ministries Council Meeting**

The Ministries Council will meet on **January 18th**, right after our morning worship, in the Social Hall. Members are encouraged to bring their calendars so we can begin charting our course for 2026. Council members are: Ken Hall & Jeanette Cadwell [co-chairs], Mike Johnson, Deb Hall, Lyndsey Dahlstrom, Elaine Pittman, Wynell Bond, Stephanie Burton, Paula Bass, Elizabeth Surginer, Frances Edge, Leigh Law, Lynne Broome, and Cathy Fennell.

**Welcome Visitors!**

If you are visiting with us this morning, please fill out one of the welcome cards and place it in the offering plate when passed.

**Prayer Requests**

Carol Berger	Joey Bohannan	Deborah Brockus
Bart Brown	Kimberly Brown	Bobby & Liz Burch
Dianne Burton	Olivia Chambers	Rita Charles
Tony Burnham	Norwood Davis	William Ertzberger
Cathy Fennell	Elizabeth Giddens	Tommy Greene
Beverly Hardin	Kim Hardin	Kennedy Harris
Sandra Harrison	Paula Horton	Faye Jessup
Phil Jessup	Billy Joiner	Brianna Jones
Eleanor Knox	Greta Loyless	Wayne Minor
Dave Morrison	Eliza Noles	Will Page
Bill Paisley	Eleanor Pickett	Tootsie Powers
Chandler Rogers	Wesley Robinson	Joel Rykard
Patty Sandoval	Danny Sheffield	Ray Smith
Kay Thompson	Sue Thomas	Phil & Jan West
David & Sherry Law	Mike & Melissa Mullis	Barbara Snellgrove
The homeless in Eastman & Dodge County		

**Wednesday Night Supper | January 21st at 6:30PM  
Breakfast Foods**

Join us for a fun time of food and fellowship. Cost of the meal is \$8.00/adult, \$5.00/child with a \$25.00 household maximum. Contact the church office to make a reservation. Please register by 4:00PM on Thursday, January 15th.

**Attendance**

Sunday School: 32  
Worship Service: 80

**Offering/Budget Update**

Weekly average needed: \$5,410.98  
Last Sunday's contribution: \$4,853.00

**He [Jesus] paid a debt He did not owe because,  
we owe a debt we can not pay.**

**This Week @ Eastman First****Tuesday**

10:30 AM - Uplifters  
12:00 PM - Brown Bag Book Study

**Thursday**

12:00 PM - Joy Fellowship  
6:00PM - Small Group  
6:30 PM - RiseUp Recovery/Social Hall

**Sunday | Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 AM - Fellowship Breakfast  
9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship Service  
11:30 AM - Operations Council Meeting

*The church office will be closed on  
Monday, January 19th  
in observance of the federal holiday.*

**Fellowship Breakfast**

1/4: Patty & Dave Morrison  
1/11: Deb & Ken Hall  
1/18: Donna & Philip Cadwell  
1/25: Bonnie & Mel Frerking

**Nursery For Ages 4 and Under**

1/4: Tiffany Eckles, Eden Harrell  
1/11: Courtney Eaton, Liz Surginer  
1/18: Michele Miller, Mary Surginer  
1/25: Stephanie Burton, Mackenzie S.

**Sound & Slides**

1/4: Ash Brewer, Graham Snyder  
1/11: Mike Johnson, Jodi Brewer  
1/18: Patty Morrison, Kristin Tanner  
1/25: Ash Brewer, Dee Snyder

**Acolyte Rotation**

1/4: Caroline Eaton  
1/11: Charleigh Snyder  
1/18: Eden Harrell  
1/25: Mary Surginer

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