

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 4, 2026

Ringing of the Hour		
Call to Worship		Rev. Hamilton
Leader: Arise, shine, for Your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.		
People: <i>Nations shall come to the brightness of His dawn, and kings to the splendor of His rising.</i>		
Leader: Like the Magi, we have followed the star, seeking the one who brings hope and salvation.		
People: <i>The mystery once hidden has now been revealed — Christ is for all people, near and far.</i>		
Leader: Let us bring our gifts of praise and open our hearts, for the Light of the World has come!		
People: <i>We worship Christ who draws all people to Himself — our King, our Savior, our Light!</i>		
*Congregational Hymns	O Come, O Come, <i>Emmanuel</i> [vs. 1-4] We Three Kings [1, 2, 5]	MH No. 211 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 & Announcements		Rev. Hamilton
Children's Moment [Children move to King's Kids Worship]		Leigh Law
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 60:1-6	
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Rev. Hamilton
<i>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</i>		
Gloria Patri		MH No. 70
<i>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.</i>		
Offering	My Gift to You	Lisa Hardy
*Doxology		
<i>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.</i>		
Special Music	One Small Child	Bonnie Frerking

Teaching Text:	Ephesians 3:1-12	
Meditation:	“The Mystery Made Known by Revelation”	Rev. Hamilton
*Benediction		Rev. Hamilton

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.

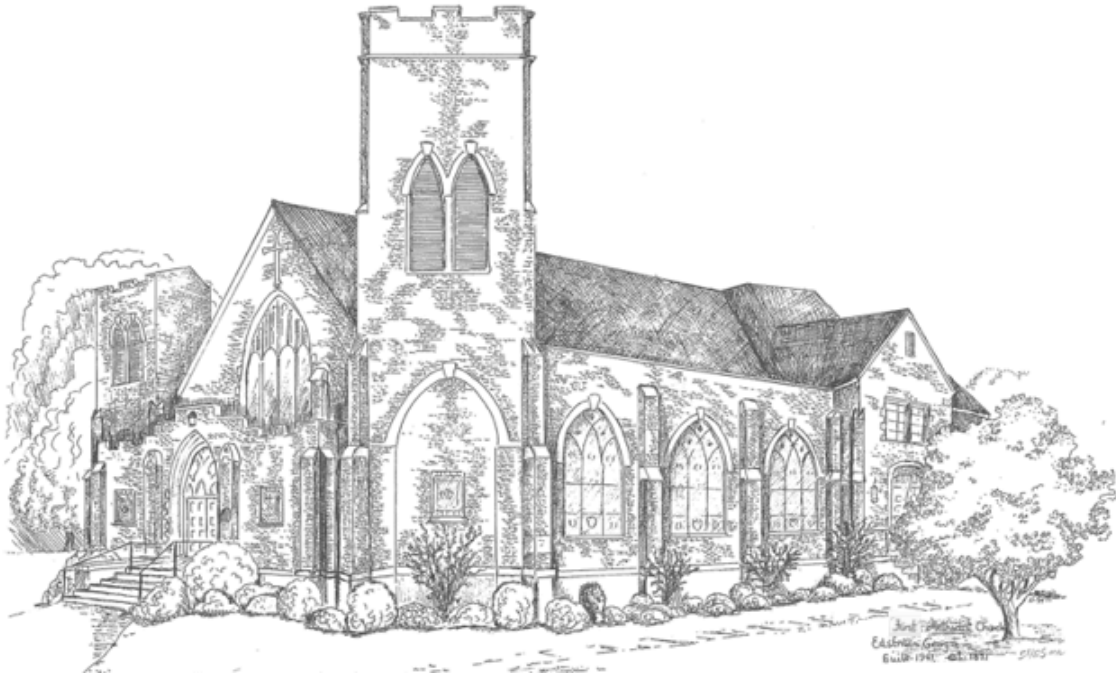
<div>Welcome Visitors!</div> <div>If you are visiting with us this morning, please fill out one of the welcome cards and place it in the offering plate when passed.</div>			<div>This Week @ Eastman First</div> <div><div>Tuesday</div><div>10:30 AM - Uplifters</div><div>12:00 PM - Brown Bag Book Study</div></div> <div><div>Thursday</div><div>12:00 PM - Joy Fellowship</div><div>6:00PM - Small Group</div><div>6:30 PM - RiseUp Recovery/Social Hall</div></div> <div><div>Sunday Baptism of the Lord</div><div>9:00 AM - Fellowship Breakfast</div><div>9:30 AM - Sunday School</div><div>10:30 AM - Worship Service</div><div>11:30 AM - Operations Council Meeting</div></div>		
<div>Prayer Requests</div> <div><div>Carol Berger</div><div>Bart Brown</div><div>Dianne Burton</div><div>Tony Burnham</div><div>Cathy Fennell</div><div>Beverly Hardin</div><div>Sandra Harrison</div><div>Phil Jessup</div><div>Eleanor Knox</div><div>Dave Morrison</div><div>Bill Paisley</div><div>Chandler Rogers</div><div>Patty Sandoval</div><div>Kay Thompson</div><div>David & Sherry Law</div><div>The homeless in Eastman & Dodge County</div></div> <div><div>Joey Bohannan</div><div>Kimberly Brown</div><div>Olivia Chambers</div><div>Norwood Davis</div><div>Elizabeth Giddens</div><div>Kim Hardin</div><div>Paula Horton</div><div>Billy Joiner</div><div>Greta Loyless</div><div>Eliza Noles</div><div>Eleanor Pickett</div><div>Wesley Robinson</div><div>Danny Sheffield</div><div>Sue Thomas</div><div>Mike & Melissa Mullis</div></div> <div><div>Deborah Brockus</div><div>Bobby & Liz Burch</div><div>Rita Charles</div><div>William Ertzberger</div><div>Tommy Greene</div><div>Kennedy Harris</div><div>Faye Jessup</div><div>Brianna Jones</div><div>Wayne Minor</div><div>Will Page</div><div>Tootsie Powers</div><div>Joel Rykard</div><div>Ray Smith</div><div>Phil & Jan West</div><div>Barbara Snellgrove</div></div>			<div>The church office will be closed on</div> <div>Monday, January 19th</div> <div>in observance of the federal holiday.</div>		
<div>Wednesday Night Supper January 21st at 6:30PM</div> <div>Breakfast Foods</div> <div>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.</div>			<div>Fellowship Breakfast</div> <div>1/4: Patty & Dave Morrison</div> <div>1/11: Deb & Ken Hall</div> <div>1/18: Donna & Philip Cadwell</div> <div>1/25: Bonnie & Mel Frerking</div>		
<div>Attendance</div> <div>Sunday School: 32</div> <div>Worship Service: 80</div>			<div>Nursery For Ages 4 and Under</div> <div>1/4: Tiffany Eckles, Eden Harrell</div> <div>1/11: Courtney Eaton, Liz Surginer</div> <div>1/18: Michele Miller, Mary Surginer</div> <div>1/25: Stephanie Burton, Mackenzie S.</div>		
<div>Offering/Budget Update</div> <div>Weekly average needed: \$5,410.98</div> <div>Last Sunday's contribution: \$4,853.00</div>			<div>Sound & Slides</div> <div>1/4: Ash Brewer, Graham Snyder</div> <div>1/11: Mike Johnson, Jodi Brewer</div> <div>1/18: Patty Morrison, Kristin Tanner</div> <div>1/25: Ash Brewer, Dee Snyder</div>		
<div>He [Jesus] paid a debt He did not owe because,</div> <div>we owe a debt we can not pay.</div>			<div>Acolyte Rotation</div> <div>1/4: Caroline Eaton</div> <div>1/11: Charleigh Snyder</div> <div>1/18: Eden Harrell</div> <div>1/25: Mary Surginer</div>		

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