The Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany — **February 1, 2026**

Ringing of the Hour

Call to Worship — Rev. Hamilton

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill?
People: ***Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.***
Leader: Jesus opens His mouth and teaches us the way of the kingdom.
People: ***Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***
Leader: Come, let us worship the one who calls us to live in justice and mercy.
People: ***We lift our voices to the Lord of heaven and earth!***

*Opening Hymn — *God of Grace and God of Glory* — MH No. 577
Be Thou My Vision — MH No. 49

Welcome & Announcements — Rev. Hamilton

Children's Moment [Children move to King's Kids Worship] — Leigh Law

Gospel Lesson — Matthew 5:1-12

The Invitation, Confession, Pardon & Assurance
The Apostle's Creed
Sharing the Peace of Christ

Pastoral Prayer — Rev. Hamilton

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 — *Peace Like a River* — 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.

Choral Anthem — *Creation Will Be at Peace* — Chancel Choir

The Great Thanksgiving — Keynote
The Lord's Prayer
Sacrament of Holy Communion [individual cups at the altar]

Teaching Text: — Micah 6:1-8
Message: — "How Shall We Come Before the Lord" — Rev. Hamilton

*Hymn of Invitation — *I Need Thee Every Hour [1, 2, 3]* — MH No. 397

*Benediction — Rev. Hamilton

*Postlude — Lisa Hardy

The Service has ended — go in peace

Welcome Visitors!

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

Joy Fellowship — Thursday, February 5th at 12:00 PM

Join us for a time of food and fellowship. Bring a couple of your favorite dishes to share. Graham Snyder will speak.

Small Group Opportunity

The Thursday night study group will begin our new study on **February 5th at 6:00pm** in the Open Door classroom. Plan for lessons to last until 7:30. We will be doing a 10 week study on Revelation led by Doug Stevens. The only book needed is your Bible. Doug will provide study a guide for the class. You may also want to bring something for taking notes. I am excited about this study so hope to see you there.

King's Kids

We will have our next King's Kids on Wednesday, **February 11th** from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. Please let Leigh know if your child will be attending so that she can prepare enough copies and supplies for everyone.

Ash Wednesday | February 18th
Soup Supper at 6:30PM | Service at 7:15PM

This year, Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent fall on **February 18th**. Bring your favorite soup to share. The church will supply the cornbread, crackers and drinks. There will be no charge this month. Please let us know if you plan to attend by **February 12th**. The Ash Wednesday Service will take place in the Sanctuary, following our soup supper.

Operations Council Meeting

The Operations Council will meet after worship on **February 22nd** in the Open-Door classroom.
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.

Lenten Study

With the Season of Lent just a few weeks away maybe you have been looking for something to use for your Lenten Devotions. The world we live in places a premium on answers. Jesus takes a different approach. Did you know Jesus asked upward of three hundred questions in the Gospels? He was asked somewhere in the neighborhood of one hundred eighty questions by others. Interestingly, He only directly answered three of those questions.

What if we pressed pause for a minute on our need for more answers? And what if we upped our game on our quest to find better questions? And isn't this interesting--the connection between quest and question?

Over the forty days of the season of Lent--in his signature style--J.D. Walt weaves together Scripture and stories to enrich our journey to the cross with Jesus in his book titled, Jesus Asking, The Three Transformational Questions of Lent. Starting with what he calls the "Question of all Questions"--Who do you say I am? J.D. unfolds the compelling story of how his mentor taught him three transformational questions. Simple and profound, these questions will awaken your faith and deepen your walk with Jesus.

You can find and purchase this book by going to www.seedbed.com.

Meals on Wheels Drivers

We are in need of a few substitute drivers for the Meals on Wheels program. We are scheduled to deliver every seven weeks and need some folks on stand-by that we can count on. If you might be interested please contact Raymoth Evans.

Prayer Requests

Joey Bohannan	Deborah Brockus	Bart Brown
Kimberly Brown	Bobby & Liz Burch	Dianne Burton
Olivia Chambers	Rita Charles	Tony Burnham
Cathy Fennell	Elizabeth Giddens	Tommy Greene
Kim Hardin	Kennedy Harris	Sandra Harrison
Paula Horton	Faye Jessup	Phil Jessup
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
Andi Smith	Ray Smith	Kay Thompson
Sue Thomas	Mike & Melissa Mullis	Phil & Jan West
David & Sherry Law	The homeless in Eastman & Dodge County	

Youth Group Meals

We need some volunteers willing to provide the Wednesday Night meal for our Youth Group. This would be on the nights that we don't offer Wednesday Night Supper. The food would need to be here by 6:00 pm and if you prefer you can just pay for a meal. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact Leigh Law.

Children's Morning Out Program

The Children's Morning Out Program is being resurrected and will begin with the new school year in August. Gail Knox and Sonya Bundick will once again be in charge and they will be open on Monday and Tuesday mornings. To prepare, they will be doing a deep clean in the nursery (including getting rid of old toys and equipment that is no longer used, broken, or just in the way). If you have any slightly used toys that are in good shape that you need to get rid of and would be willing to donate please let Gail or Sonya know.

Adoption Ministry

The Ministries Council approved a motion to begin the process of looking into the possibility of us offering an adoption ministry to the Middle Georgia Flight School. Church members would become Spiritual Parents to a student that they would adopt. We are just in the planning phase of this program and you will be hearing more about this as we move forward.

Attendance

Sunday School: 28
Worship Service: 81

Offering/Budget Update

Weekly average needed: $5,410.98
Last Sunday's contribution: $ 9,538.97

This Week @ Eastman First

Monday
6:00 PM - Choir Practice

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

Wednesday
6:00 PM - Youth

Thursday
6:00 PM - Small Group (ODR)
6:30 PM - RiseUp Recovery/Social Hall

Sunday | Communion
9:00 AM - Fellowship Breakfast
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship Service

Fellowship Breakfast

2/1: Lyndsey & Chase Dalstrom
2/8: Courtney & Chase Eaton
2/15: Gail & Ronny Knox
2/22: Susan & Mitchell Coffee

Nursery *For Ages 4 and Under*

2/1: Mason Kehayes & Caroline Eaton
2/8: Deb Hall & Charleigh Snyder
2/15: Gail Knox & Liz Surginer
2/22: Patty Harrell & Mary Surginer

Sound & Slides

2/1: Mike Johnson, Graham Snyder
2/8: Patty Morrison, Jodi Brewer
2/15: Ash Brewer, Kristin Tanner
2/22: Mike Johnson, Dee Snyder

Acolyte Rotation

2/1: Charleigh Snyder
2/8: Caroline Eaton
2/15: Eden Harrell
2/22: Mary Surginer

Money Counters

2/2: Raymoth Evans, Patty Morrison
2/9: Philip Hardy, Dave Morrison
2/16: Darla Daniels, Dan Harrell

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