The Order of Worship

21st Sunday After Pentecost — **October 18, 2026**

Ringing of the Hour		
Prelude	*O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*	Chuck Vaughn
Call To Worship		

The Lord is King; let the peoples tremble! He is exalted over all the earth.
Holy is He! We come to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Jesus said, "Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."
We come to offer our lives as living sacrifices to God.
Come, let us lift our voices to the King of kings.
Alleluia! We praise the Lord of all creation!

*Opening Hymn	*Revive Us Again [all]*	GRP No. 78
*Affirmation of Faith	Prayer of St. Francis	GRP No. 706
*Passing of Peace of Christ		
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Hamilton
Children excused to King's Kids Worship		
Hymn	*O Worship the King* [1,2,4,5]	GRP No. 11
Pastoral Prayer & The 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	*How Great Thou Art*	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.

Morning Anthem	*Savior, More Than Life to Me*	Chancel Choir

Sermon Series: "A Model for Believers | Thessalonica"
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 | "A Faith Known Everywhere" — Rev. Hamilton

*Hymn of Invitation	*O God, Our Help in Ages Past* [1,2,3]	GRP No. 15
*Benediction		Rev. Hamilton
*Postlude		Lisa Hardy

**Congregation Standing*

Welcome Visitors!

Thank you for visiting with us this morning. Please scan the QR code to the left to let us know of your visit. If you are interested in becoming a part of our church family, please speak with Pastor Rick.

Our **Ministry Council will meet TODAY** right after worship in the Social Hall. Members are encouraged to bring their calendars. Council members are: Ken Hall & Jeanette Cadwell [co-chairs], Mike Johnson, Deb Hall, Lyndsey Dahlstrom, Elaine Pittman, Wynell Bond, Stephanie Burton, Frances Edge, Leigh Law, Lynne Broome, and Cathy Fennell. Please let Pastor Rick know if you will be unable to attend.

The newest edition of the **Upper Room** is available for you to pick up in the rack of the Sanctuary vestibule.

King's Kids will meet at the church for our next gathering on **Wednesday, October 21st at 3:30PM**. Children should be picked up by **5:00PM**. Please let Ms. Leigh know **by October 18th** if your child will be attending so that she can prepare enough copies and supplies for everyone. Choir practice will meet at 5:30PM.

This year, **Charge Conference** will be a joint conference with the McRae Covenant Community; held at McRae Methodist Church, on **October 25th,** at 5:00 pm beginning with a covered-dish meal followed by the Conference. Unlike past Charge Conferences you may be used to, the GMC Charge Conference is streamlined and more about the celebration of our ministries.

We are collecting water, juice boxes/pouches, snack cakes and candy for **Trunk or Treat** on Wednesday, **October 28th** at 6:30 pm. You can drop them by the Church Office during the week. If you plan to set-up a trunk, let Cathy know and be set-up by 6:00 pm that evening. Also, spread the word about the free hotdogs we will be providing.

Poinsettia Orders

Place a poinsettia in the church for Christmas: **Cost: $11.00/plant** | Deadline to Order: **November 2nd**
Forms can be found in the Narthex. Completed form & payment must be turned in by the deadline.
Please do not use Venmo to pay for flowers.

All Saints Sunday is a special day in the life of the church. On **November 1st**, we will celebrate and remember those of our saints who have gone home since All Saints Sunday last year. During the service a candle will be lit in memory of each of our saints and an extra candle will be lit for friends and family from our congregation. This year we will remember Tracy Coleman, Beverly Hardin, Randy Coleman, Mose Harrell, Rev. Gene Cochran, Tommy Greene, Virginia Bennett, and Tony Burnham. We will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Blessing of the Animals will take place at 4:00pm on **November 8th** on the church lawn.
We ask that you bring your pets on a leash or in their kennel to be blessed.

Our Chancel Choir will be performing their Christmas Cantata on Thursday evening**, December 17t**h; and during our Sunday worship on **December 20th.** If you would like to join the choir to help them, they practice on Monday evenings 6:00-7:30 pm or you can give Lynne Broome a call.

Also, the Bell choir will practice at 9:15am on Sunday mornings if you would be interested in taking part.

Submitting Prayer Requests

If you, a family member, or a friend are in need of prayer, submit a prayer request online.
Scan the QR code on the right and fill out the short form.

Prayer Requests

Susan Barlow
Maggie Bloodworth
Bobby & Liz Burch
Janice Cheek
Sophia Danforth
Mark Edwards
Albert & Diana Glass
Dennis Goshorn
Kennedy Harris
June & Phil Jessup
Greta Loyless
Dr. John C. Morgan
Will Page
Tootsie Powers
Joel Rykard
Andi Smith
Bill Story
Kay Thompson
Lilly Ann Yawn
Donna Benford
John Broome
Thomas Burton
Jeff Cheek
Pam Eckles
Terri Evans
Elizabeth Giddens
Debra Harrell
Sandra Harrison
Brianna Jones
Carol Melson
Mike & Melissa Mullis
Bill Paisley
Wesley Robinson
Darrell Skipper
Mary Alice Smith
Ruth Studstill
Marie West
The family of Tony Burnham
Denise Blankenship
Bart Brown
Philip Cadwell
Carol Coleman
Lum Edwards
Robert Garrett
Hazel Giddens
Kim Hardin
Faye Jessup
Eleanor Knox
Jim Morgan
Eliza Noles
Philip Powell
Chandler Rogers
Patty Sandoval
Ray Smith
Sue Thomas
Phil & Jan West

Our **Advent Study** this year will be from the book, *Behold by Shelbi Shutt.* This 25-day devotional is designed to help you slow down long enough to see again. Through intentional rhythms of silence, Scripture, reflection, and prayer, Shelbi invites you to retrain and redirect your attention so that you can encounter Jesus—not as content to consume, but as a Person to behold. If you would like to join us, you can order a copy on Amazon or Seedbed.

Faith Responders is calling on volunteers to **help families recovering from Hurricane Isaias in the Florida Panhandle.** A disaster response base is being established in Milton, Florida, and helping hands are urgently needed! Contact the church office to volunteer. Can't serve in person? You can still help. Learn more at thefaithresponders.org.

We are putting together a new list of **Acolytes** and we'll be doing some training following Sunday worship in the not too distant future. If you have a child or grandchild that would like to be an Acolyte please let us know in the church office.

Attendance
Sunday School: 30
Worship Service: 70

Offering/Budget Update
Weekly average needed: $6,486.09
Last Sunday's contribution: $3,975.00

This Week @ Eastman First

Today
11:30AM - Ministry Council Meeting

Monday
Meals on Wheels (Mon.-Fri.)
8:30AM - Children's Morning Out
6:00PM - Choir Practice

Tuesday
8:30AM - Children's Morning Out
10:30AM - Uplifters

Wednesday
3:30PM - King's Kids
5:15PM - Children's Choir
6:00PM - Youth

Sunday
Leigh is scheduled to use Social Hall

Sunday
9:00AM - Coffee Fellowship
9:15AM - Handbell Practice
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:30AM - Worship Service

Fellowship Breakfast
10/18: Deb & Ken Hall
10/25: Donna & Philip Cadwell

Nursery *For Ages 4 and Under*
10/18: Jody Brewer, Mary Surginer
10/25: Jennifer Johnson, Mackenzie Snyder

Sound & Slides
10/18: Michael Johnson, Kristin Tanner
10/25: Patty Morrison, Jodi Brewer

Money Counters
10/19: Dan Harrell, Patty Morrison
10/26: Shirley Adler, Dave Morrison

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