

**Church-Wide  
Christmas Dinner**

*Wednesday/Family Night  
December 7 at 5 p.m.*

The great holiday food is always a big favorite, at this annual holiday feast. And so is our very special guest each year - Santa Claus himself! Come enjoy the great food and fun activities with your entire Canterbury Family beginning at 5 p.m. this Wednesday in Canterbury Hall.



**Send in Your Pledge Today!  
We Need Everyone's Help This Year**

We are the hands that carry the Good News of Jesus Christ. And thanks largely to your financial gifts, that good news includes grocery bags for the hungry, wheelchair ramps for those in need, conversations with those who are lonely, and much, much more. You can help spread the good news and good work of your church even farther in 2017. Fill out and send in your pledge card today. Or make your commitment on line at [www.canterburyumc.org/commitment](http://www.canterburyumc.org/commitment). We need EVERYONE'S help this year!



Dear Friends in Mission,

Your generosity during our campaign to raise funds for community service projects at Birmingham-Southern College touched us all. Thanks to you, our "Loafing for Community Engagement" was successful. There are many issues that face the Church today, and teaching generosity remains central. Thank you for being a living reminder of generous hearts.

Sincerely yours,

Kristin Harper, Director of Bunting Center for Engaged Study and Community Action

Rev. Julie Holly, Chaplain

Laura Sisson, Director of Church Relations

**Special Announcements**

**Thanksgiving for the Life of**

James E. Glasscock..... 11/23/16  
Corinne Greer..... 11/25/16  
Jean Cox..... 11/25/16

**In Hospital/Rehab as of 11/16/16**

Margaret "Jill" Dangler..... Grandview  
Mary Ann Reeves..... Brookwood  
Ann Henagan..... St. Vincent's

**Worship Service Schedule**

8:15 am .....New Traditions Worship..... Chapel - Rev. Dale Cohen  
10:30 am .....Traditional Worship ..... Sanctuary - Chancel Choir  
10:30 am .....Contemporary Worship ..... Canterbury Center - Rev. Dale Cohen  
5:00 pm.....The WAY..... Chapel - Mr. Brian Ward

**Flowers on the Altar**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. Jerry Sisson and in honor of Dr. Lester Siegel by Laura Sisson.



**Traditional Worship**

DECEMBER 4, 2016

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHANCEL CHOIR PRESENTS *IN TERRA PAX*

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL



**WELCOME CHILDREN!** —Parents, make sure your children get a worship activity pack in the Narthex entrance area. The Children's Comfort Room is also adjacent to the Narthex.

Hearing assist devices and large print hymnals available — ask an usher for help.



# Order of Morning Worship

\*Congregation Please Stand

Words in bold type are spoken or sung by the congregation.

Voluntary Excerpts from Partita on “Savior of the Nations, Come” Hermann Schroeder

## Welcome and Parish Notices

Introit People, Look East BESANÇON  
Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

\* Processional Hymn 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vv. 1 - 4, 7 VENI EMMANUEL

Lighting the Advent Candle Drew and Joanna Clayton

Last Sunday, we began the Advent practice of lighting candles to commemorate the arrival of Jesus into our lives. We lit the candle of hope as a reminder that with Jesus, there is always the promise of a new future. This morning, we light the second candle, the candle of PEACE. We all know that peace can be elusive. At times, it can feel completely absent! But in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us.

God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

Let us pray together:

Loving God,  
We thank You for the hope and peace You offer us.  
Heal our hearts, so that we may walk in the peace of Christ at all times.  
Prepare our hearts to be changed by You,  
That we may walk in the light of Christ.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sung Response: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

\* Passing of the Peace *The Peace of the Lord be with you, and also with You.*

## Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Minister: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All pray in silence*

Kyrie 482

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Minister: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

## Our Gifts and Music

Offertory Es ist ein Ros' (Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming) Johannes Brahms

\* Doxology (*Sung to the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*) VENI EMMANUEL  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

IN TERRA PAX, OPUS 39 BY GERALD FINZI  
The Canterbury Church Choir and Instrumentalists  
Nick DeCastro, baritone soloist  
Hannah Ellington, soprano soloist

Hymn of Presentation 626 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, vv. 1, 2, 4 PICARDY

Presenting the Elements Ty and LaVone Warren

The Great Thanksgiving, page 17 in Hymnal, Music Setting A

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread

Fraction Anthem Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus Rebecca Bolding, cantor  
Sung Refrain: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

## Music During Communion

Hymn 230 O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS  
Hymn 221 In the Bleak Midwinter CRANHAM

## Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. May we be transformed into your image. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* Dismissal & Blessing

**Want to know more about Following Jesus and Serving Others?** To make Canterbury your home church, contact Rev. Tori Hastings at 868-6580 or [tori.hastings@canterburyumc.org](mailto:tori.hastings@canterburyumc.org).