

Canterbury
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

New Traditions

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday in Eastertide

Thank you for visiting!

We are so glad to have you as our guest in worship and we would love to connect with you. Let us know you are here by scanning this QR code or by following this link: www.canterburyumc.org/attendance



Senior Pastor - Rev. Keith Thompson

Pastor - Rev. Hill Carmichael

Pastor - Rev. Tori Hastings

Pastor - Dr. Bill Morgan

Pastor - Rev. Matthew Montgomery

Pastor - Dr. Rick Owen

Youth Pastor - Rev. Gann Waters-Wright

Bishop in Residence - Dr. Mike Watson

Choirmaster and Organist - Dr. Lester Seigel

Welcome to Canterbury

We are so glad you chose to worship with us today!

We want you to feel at home. Through close relationships, the study of scripture, education, and caring for others, our goal is to connect you to God, each other, and His world in a real and meaningful way. Here you will find a community of real people, led by leaders who express their real experiences to help renew and empower you to follow Him. So no matter where you are in life, we invite you to come as you are and to live for something greater.

WORSHIP

Children in Worship All children are welcome in worship! The sight, sounds, and interactions of worship are appropriate for every age. We have worship activity bags available as you enter the worship space. Excellent nursery care is provided for infants through age 4 for all regularly scheduled worship services.

Worship Online

Website

www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online

Facebook

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

YouTube

www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC

CONNECT

Next Steps Class This is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to continue building connections with other followers of Christ. Since

many of us come from different church backgrounds, this class is designed to clearly explain who we are, what we believe, and how you can take the next steps in partnering with us to build the Kingdom of God. After attending it is our hope you will decide to make Canterbury your new church home. To register for the next class, please contact Becky King at becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Bill Morgan

* Hymn 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

Collect

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis

All f

Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo - ry to God! _____

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth! _____

Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 16: 5-11

Stan Nelson, cantor

The Lord is my chosen portion *and my cup; | you *hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in *pleasant places; | I have a glorious *heritage.

I bless the Lord who *gives me counsel; | even at night my *heart instructs me.

I have set the Lord al*ways before me; | the Lord is at my right hand;

I shall *not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my *soul rejoices; | my body also *dwells secure.

For you do not give me *up to Sheol, | or let your godly one *see the pit.

You show the path of life; in your presence there is full*ness of joy, |

In your right hand are pleasures for *evermore.

The Word of God for the peo*ple of God. | **Thanks *be to God.**

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, those things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Pray in Silence

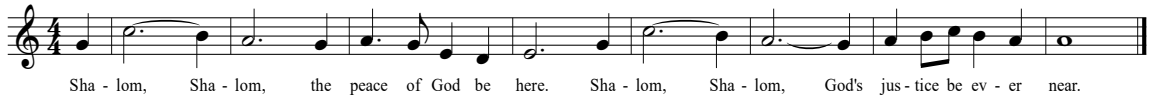
Kyrie 482

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

Words of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. **Glory to God! Amen.**

*** The Peace** The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you, **and also with you.**



*** Gospel Alleluia** (sung before and after the Gospel Lesson)



*** Gospel Lesson**

John 20: 19-31

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Hill Carmichael

*** Hymn 308**

Thine Be the Glory, v. 1, 3

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedall

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia, Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup: Alleluia, Alleluia! So now knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by sharing, helping, giving, we may true disciples be: Alleluia, Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

*** Doxology & Wesley's Grace**

OLD 100th

**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.**

**Be present at our table, Lord;
be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
may feast in paradise with Thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might! Hea - ven and
earth are full, are full of Your glo - ry. O, blessed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)

Cantor

As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:

All

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. ,

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, become one as we partake of it. Is not the breaking of this bread a means of sharing in the body of Christ? Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Is not the cup a means of sharing in the blood of Christ?

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Cup

All are welcome to receive the sacrament. You do not have to be a member of Canterbury or of the United Methodist Church. It is the Lord’s table and all of God’s children are welcome. Ushers will guide you.

Music During Communion

Easter Prayer

Sam Batt Owens

As once you were in Mary’s womb, you also were in Joseph’s tomb,
The tomb by you a womb was made, you are the firstborn from the dead.
As once you were with God on high, on earth we made you bow and die;
In bowing so you became the King. “Thy Kingdom come” all saints now sing.
As once this bread was just mere food, also this wine a common drink;
So now this cup contains your blood, the bread does now your body link.
As once in sin we shame’lly lay, through your own flesh has opened the way,
The way to life for evermore, with you whom we would e’er adore. Amen.

Hallelu, Christ is Risen

ST Kimbrough

(Refrain) Hallelu, Christ is risen! Now the stone’s rolled away!

Hallelu, Christ is risen! Proclaim the news today!

More courageous than the men, when Christ his breath resigned,
Women first the grace obtain their living Lord to find. (Refrain, ST Kimbrough)

Women first the news proclaim, know resurrection’s power,
Teach the apostles of the Lamb who lives to die no more. (Refrain)

Joyful tidings of their Lord these messengers proclaim,
Jesus Christ to life restored and pardon through his name. (Refrain)

O might I like them now hear, these witnesses receive;
Empty find the sepulcher, and wonder and believe! (Refrain)

(Charles Wesley)

*** 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.

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Response**

Thanksgiving for the lives of

Martha Hastings (Judy Pittman’s mother).....March 30, 2026
Doris Townsend (Kim Gladney’s mother).....March 30, 2026
Josephine “Meagher” Whigham (Lucie Haynes & Kimberly Bean’s sister).....April 2, 2026

Happening at Canterbury

Men's Breakfast | April 23 | 6:30 AM

Join us for breakfast on April 23 from 6:30-7:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. Our guest speaker will be Rev. James C. Fields, who served in the Alabama House of Representatives from 2008 until 2010 and is the pastor at St. James - Irondale UMC. (\$15)
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry

Enneagram Speaker & Author | April 23 | 6 PM

Join us for a special book signing and conversation with author Joey Schewee, in partnership with Little Professor. Building on the Enneagram wisdom of her mother, Suzanne Stabile, Joey offers fresh, practical insight for everyday life...whether you're new to the Enneagram or a longtime student. 6-8 PM Wesley Hall.

Kenya Mission & Water Filter Fundraiser

This summer, a team from Canterbury will travel to Nakuru, Kenya, partnering with Start With One Kenya to share Christ's love in tangible ways. We invite you to support our Abundant Life Water Filters initiative, providing UZIMA ("life") water filtration systems for families without safe drinking water. Your gifts will be shared equally - supporting the purchase of filters and helping send our team to serve.



Thank you for being part of this life-giving mission! Donate any amount by scanning the QR code, or delivering a check to the Finance Office marked Kenya Mission.

Next Steps | Begins April 26 | 9:15 AM

New to Canterbury? This Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to connect with others. If you are interested in making Canterbury your church home, please join us on 4/26, 5/3 & 5/10.
Register: Email becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

Love Again Toy Drive | Now - April 28

Help share joy with children in Alabama's Black Belt through this drive led by Ashlee Fulmer. Donate gently used toys and games (no furniture or clothing), in very good condition. Place items directly in the Attic Plus truck in the Chapel lot (not at the front desk or Chaos room). The last day to deliver donations is April 28.

Calm Before the Stork | May 3 | 9:30 AM

Growing your family through birth, adoption, or fostering? Join us to learn how Canterbury will support you in these sacred days. We'll cover baptism, nursery and Sunday School, and share helpful resources for your little one—plus get you on our prayer list.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Mom & Me Cupcake Challenge | May 3 | 2 PM

Kids! You're invited to a super sweet afternoon of fun at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. Bring your mom, grandmother, or a special adult friend and team to decorate based on our surprise theme. Get creative, add a little friendly competition, and enjoy plenty of frosting, sprinkles, and laughter along the way.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children



You are invited...

Canterbury Choir Concert April 26 | 4:30 PM | Sanctuary

Experience the beauty and power of Giacomo Puccini's Messa di Gloria in a stunning performance by our Canterbury Choir, accompanied by full orchestra. This beloved masterpiece blends rich harmonies and soaring melodies, creating a deeply moving and unforgettable musical experience. Join us in the Sanctuary for an inspiring afternoon that uplifts the soul and stirs the spirit. Invite a friend and come be part of this meaningful time together.

This special concert is free and open to all.