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*new traditions
february 22, 2026
first sunday in lent*

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

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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

Rev. Matthew Montgomery

* Hymn 110

A Mighty Fortress is Our God, vv. 1, 3, 4

EIN FESTE BURG

Collect

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 32: 1-5, 8-11

Stan Nelson, cantor

Happy are those whose transgression *is forgiven, | whose *sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes *no iniquity | and in whose spirit there is *no deceit.

While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. | **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the *heat of summer.**

I will instruct you and teach you the way *you should go; | **I will counsel you with my eye up*on you.**

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, *O righteous, | **and shout for joy, all you up*right in heart.**

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

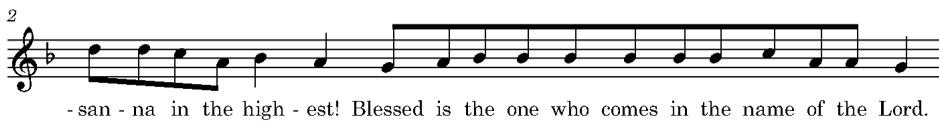
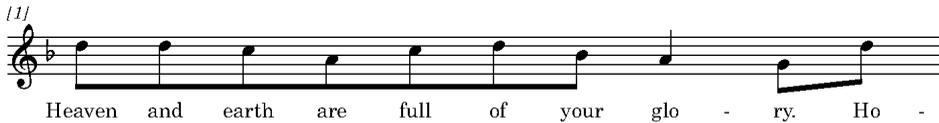
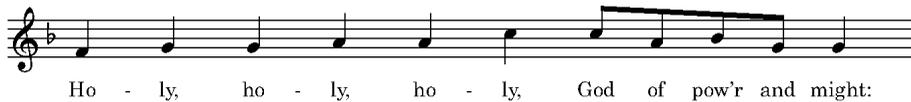
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:



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:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a gain!

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.



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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?

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

BELL AGNUS

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

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

American folk hymn

Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself.
We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.
You must go and stand your trial; you have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you; you have to stand it by yourself.

*** 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**

Our guest Choirmaster and Organist this morning is James Cook, longtime music professor at Birmingham-Southern College, and choir director and organist at Birmingham First United Methodist Church.

Thanksgiving for the lives of

Meredith Jean (Susie Gaston's mother)February 14, 2026
Ry Ogilvie (Major Ogilvie's brother)February 14, 2026

happening at canterbury

Men's Breakfast | February 26 | 6:30 AM

Join us for breakfast on Thursday in Canterbury Hall. Our very own Bishop Mike Watson will be sharing words of inspiration as we journey together through the Lenten season. \$15.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry

Discovery Weekend | March 13-15

A retreat for all 7th-12th graders filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! It's different from other retreats because it all happens here at Canterbury and it is put on by the Sr. High students for our Jr. High students! Deadline to sign up is March 9.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Discovery Prayer Partners Needed



Discovery Weekend will be here soon and there are ways for you to help support it! One way is to become a Prayer Partner. For more info and to sign up, scan the QR code. Questions? Email Eleanor at eleanor.kerr@canterburyumc.org.

Blessing of the Animals | March 15 | 3 PM

Bring your beloved (and maybe slightly spoiled) pets and join us for our Blessing of the Animals! We'll gather in the Chapel Lot to celebrate the furry, feathered, and scaly friends who fill our lives with joy and unconditional love. All pets must be on leashes or secured in a carrier. This is a KidsMin event and perfect for all Canterburians!

UMW Annual Fern Sale



This fundraiser is underway and allows UMW to support mission and outreach projects in our community. There are three great selections to choose from – Boston, Kimberly Queen and Macho. Each fern is \$25. Place your order online now by scanning the QR code. Pick up will be Saturday, April 11 from 8 AM-12 Noon.

Women's Serve Night | March 17 | 6 PM



Come have dinner with us on St. Patrick's Day at 6 PM and serve together! ALL women are invited to this special night, sponsored by the Encouragers Women's Groups. (Nursery Provided)

We'll share a meal and serve together in support of Grace House Ministries and Erwin Middle School. We will pack pajama and hygiene kits for the girls and snack bags for Erwin Middle. To RSVP FOR THE DINNER and donate funds for the needed items, scan the QR code.

Speakers David Thomas & Sissy Goff April 28 | 6 PM

David Thomas returns to Canterbury this spring along with Sissy Goff for a special evening of insight and encouragement. With over 30 years of experience walking alongside children and families at Daystar Counseling Ministries, they bring practical wisdom, deep compassion, and real hope. Authors and hosts of the Raising Boys & Girls podcast, they'll also introduce their new book, *Capable*. For tickets, scan the QR code or visit: www.TPRLive.co. This is a must-attend event for all parents!



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