

# HALFTIME ADJUSTMENTS

**New Traditions**

**January 4, 2026**

Epiphany Sunday

## 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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/attendance)



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**Pastor** - Dr. Bill Morgan

**Pastor** - Rev. Matthew Montgomery

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**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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online)

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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](mailto:becky.king@canterburyumc.org).

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### 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

# Order of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Bill Morgan

### \* Hymn 173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

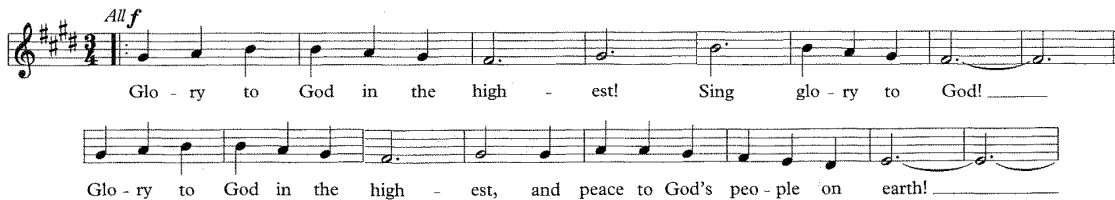
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### Collect

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

**O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Gloria In Excelsis



### Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 147: 12-20

Stan Nelson, cantor

Praise the Lord, O Je\*rusalem! | Praise your \*God, O Zion!

**The Lord strengthens the bars \*of your gates, | blesses your children \*in your midst,**  
makes peace \*in your borders, | fills you with the \*finest wheat.

**The Lord sends forth commands \*to the earth; | the \*word runs swiftly.**

The Lord gives \*snow like wool, | scatters hoar\*frost like ashes,

**casts forth \*ice like morsels; | who can with\*stand its cold?**

The Lord sends forth the \*word and melts them; | makes the wind blow, and the \*waters flow.

**The Lord declares the \*word to Jacob, | the statutes and ordinan\*ces to Israel.**

The Lord has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know God's \*ordinances. |

**Praise \*the Lord!**

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

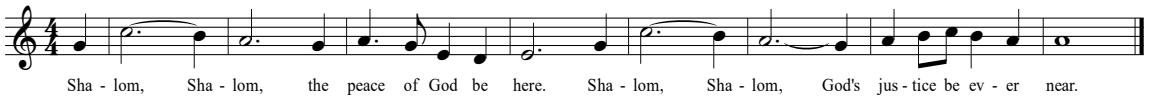
## Kyrie 482

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.**



## \* The Lesson

Genesis 28:10-17; 32: 22-32  
*The word of God for the people of God.* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Halftime Adjustments: 1 v. 1

Rev. Hill Carmichael

## \* Hymn 386

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown, vv. 1, 4

CANDLER

## Prayers of the People

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

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

## Anthem

Awake, My Heart, and Render

Jane Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render to God, thy sure defender, thy maker, thy preserver:  
A song of love and fervor!  
Confirm my deeds and guide me, my day with Thee beside me:  
Beginning, middle, ending will all be upward tending!  
My heart shall be Thy dwelling with joy and gladness swelling;  
Thy word, my nurture, giv'n to bring me on toward heaven!

## \* 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

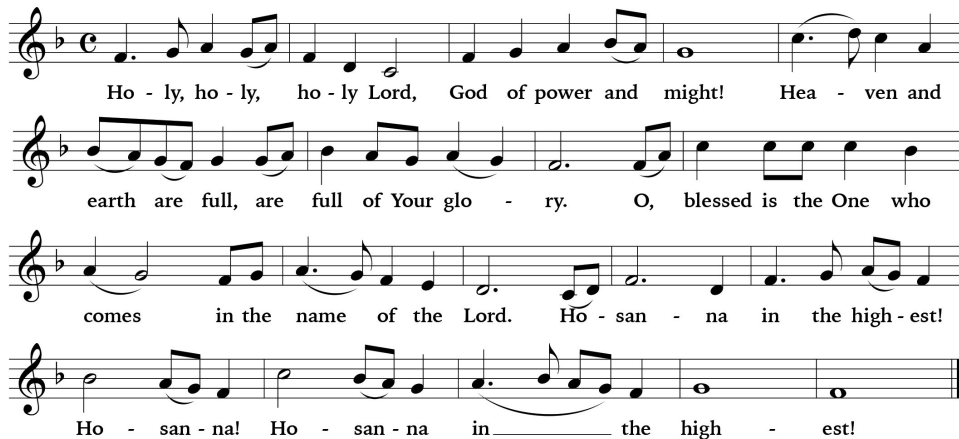
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:**



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:**



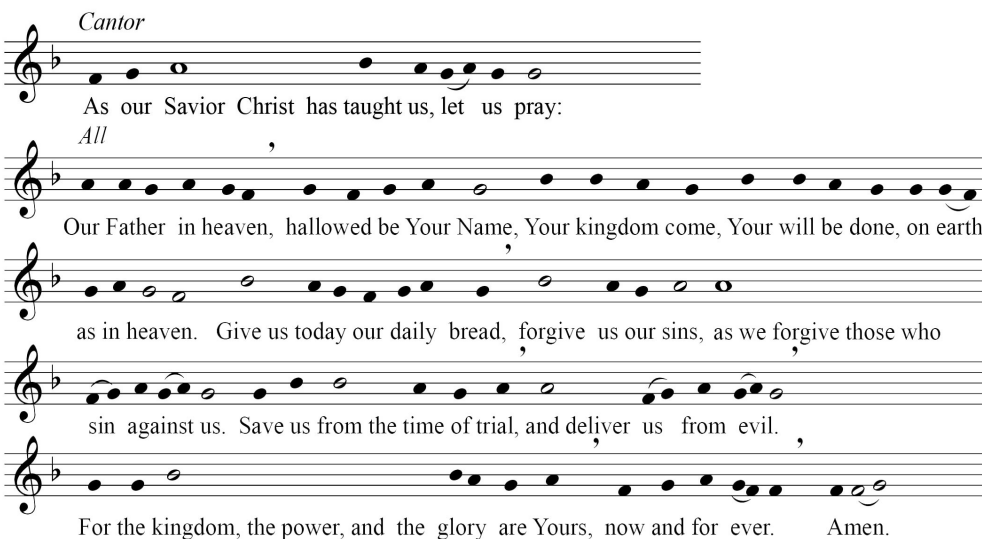
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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)



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

We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Spiritual

### \* 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

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## Spring Reading Plan | The Gospel of Luke

For Spring 2026, we have a couple of goals and dreams for Canterbury. Our first big lofty dream is that we become people who look and act like Jesus more and more each day. We want to be people who ENCOUNTER God daily, and learn how to love our neighbors just as Jesus would do. To that end, we have created a reading plan. We believe that reading scripture daily will train us all learn to look for God. On Sunday evenings, you will receive an email that will guide you through the week. Each day we will look at a passage of scripture (10-20 verses at a time), we will offer a devotional thought, questions to share, and something to practice. Our hope is that through our reading, practice, and discussion, that we



as a Church learn to ENCOUNTER God in our every day life and interactions. It is not a small dream, but it is one that can transform our lives and the lives of our community!

This reading plan can also be found by scanning the QR code or by visiting:

[www.canterburyumc.org/2026-reading-plan](http://www.canterburyumc.org/2026-reading-plan)

# Happening at Canterbury

## YAC Parent Gathering | This Afternoon

If you are the parent of a youth, join us on January 4 from 3-5 PM at Slice in Homewood for a special gathering. You'll will gain insight and learn details on what is happening at YAC in 2026! Questions? Email [eleanor.kerr@canterburyumc.org](mailto:eleanor.kerr@canterburyumc.org).

## Winter Studies | Begin January 7

Join us on January 7 when Wednesday dinner returns along with Winter studies. Our pastors will be teaching topics from their favorite seminary classes. Some of the offerings include:

- Lessons from the Minor Prophets, Hill Carmichael
- The Book of Esther, Eleanor Christiansen
- Intro to Christian Theology, Tori Hastings
- Many more!

Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## Iron City Men's Event | January 10

Don't miss a morning of inspiration and fellowship at the Men's Ministry gathering on Saturday, January 10 from 9 AM to Noon at TopGolf. This event features two dynamic speakers, Jerry Pate, U.S. Open Champion and Alabama Hall of Fame golfer, and Aaron Feld, renowned strength coach from University of Miami. Enjoy great conversation and connection with men from across the community. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today: \$50 per person or \$25 for college students.

Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry](http://www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry)

## Women's Dinner | January 29 | 6 PM

You're invited to an evening of food, fellowship, and inspiration at the UMW sponsored Women's Dinner on Thursday, January 29 at 6 PM. Enjoy a delicious meal and hear from Ashley McMakin, owner and founder of Ashley Mac's, as she shares her story of faith, family, and building a beloved local business. Tickets are \$25 per person. Come be encouraged and connect with women across our church community... we can't wait to see you there! Register now by scanning the QR code.

## Diaper Drive with Bundles of Hope

This Christmas, we remember Mary preparing a manger for the arrival of Jesus, doing all she could to welcome new life with love, hope, and care. In that same spirit, our January 25th Serve Day kids project invites you to help other mothers in our community prepare for their little ones. Kids@Canterbury is partnering with Bundles of Hope to host a special Diaper Drive, and we'd love for you to participate! A manger outside the Kids Check-In Station serves as our collection point. We need:

- New packages of disposable diapers
- Opened, outgrown, or partial packages
- Sizes: Newborn through size 6
- Biggest need: Newborn, 5 & 6

## NEXT»STEPS

### Begins February 1

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 2/1, 2/8 and 2/15 at 9:15 AM. To register, please email [becky.king@canterburyumc.org](mailto:becky.king@canterburyumc.org).

