

HALFTIME ADJUSTMENTS

New Traditions
January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord 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



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

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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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. Rick Owen

* Hymn 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, vv. 1-4, 7

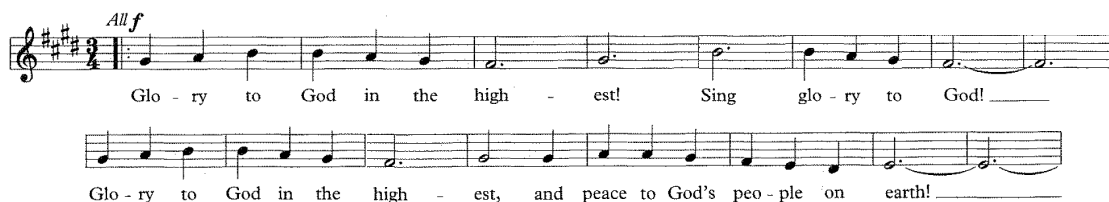
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Collect

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 29: 1-4, 10-11

Stan Nelson, cantor

Ascribe to the Lord, O *heavenly beings, | ascribe to the Lord glo*ry and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory *of his name; | worship the Lord in *holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is up*on the waters; | the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, upon *many waters.

The voice of the Lord is *powerful, | the voice of the Lord is full of *majesty.

The Lord sits enthroned o*ver the flood; | the Lord sits enthroned as Ru*ler for ever.

May the Lord give strength *to his people! | May the Lord bless his peo*ple with peace!

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

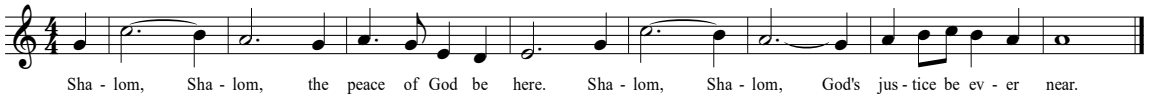
Kyrie 482

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

Acts 8: 26-40

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

Sermon

No "I" in Team

Rev. Hill Carmichael

* Hymn 568

Christ for the World We Sing, vv. 1, 3, 4

ITALIAN HYMN

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Behold a Star From Jacob Shining (from Christus)

Felix Mendelssohn

Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising, to reign in glory over the nations. Like some bright morning star is he, the promise of the coming day, beyond the night of sorrow.

Break forth, O Light! We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving, hail the brightness of Thy rising.

* Doxology & Wesley's Grace

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**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

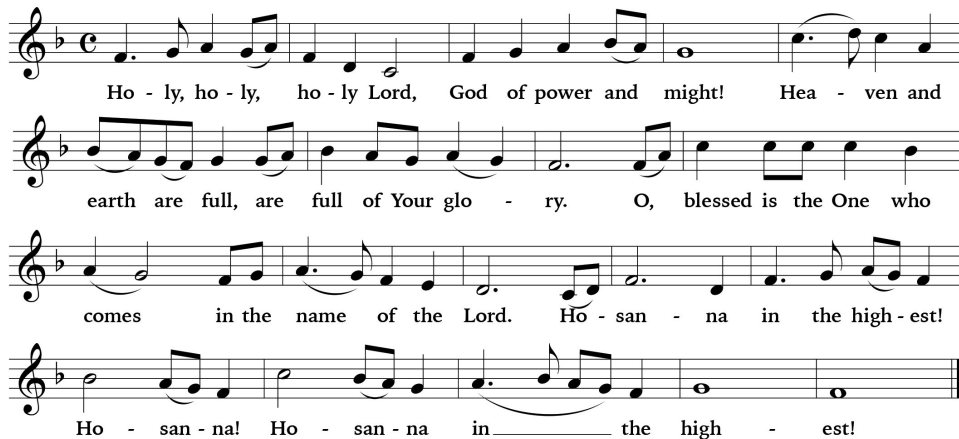
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:



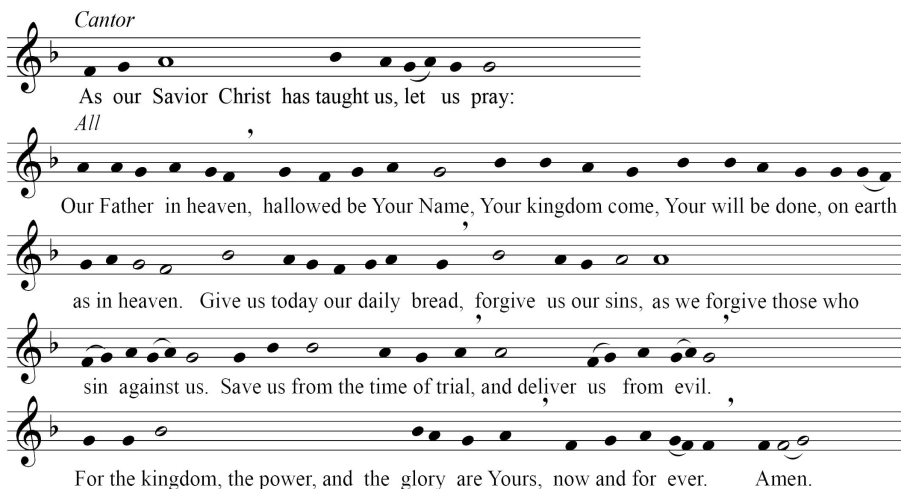
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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?

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

Filled With the Spirit’s Power

Cyril V. Taylor

Filled with the Spirit’s power, with one accord the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today no less your power of fellowship display.
Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire, that unity may be out great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call, and readiness in each to work for all.
Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move, till we are known as Christ’s, and Christians prove.

*** 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 life of

Jim Caldwell (Lois Caldwell’s husband).....January 4, 2026

Congratulations to

- Ann Lindsey and John Bissell, the proud parents of a baby boy, William Parks Bissell, born on December 7, 2025.
- Mary Russell and J.C. Sandel, the proud parents of a baby boy, Henry James Sandel, born on December 28, 2025.
- Elizabeth and Jamie Barton, the proud parents of a baby boy, Beau Trammell Barton, born on January 7, 2026.

Happening at Canterbury

Kenya Mission | Summer 2026 (Applications Close January 15)

Join us for a life-giving mission journey to Kenya, June 22-July 4, partnering with Start With One Kenya to support education and clean water initiatives. Led by Rachel Estes, Hill Carmichael, and Meg Kerr, this adult trip is limited to 20 participants. Applications are open through January 15. To apply to serve and grow alongside our Kenyan partners, please visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/outreach/mission-trips

Winter Studies Are Underway...

And it's not too late to register! For Sessions 1 & 2 our pastors and staff are diving into topics from their favorite seminary classes. To register, visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Encore Volunteer Training | January 28

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of those living with dementia or memory loss, Encore would love for you to join the program as a volunteer. This is the most rewarding experience that you could ask for! It will be help from 2:30-5 PM on January 28. For questions or to sign up, email encorepatti@gmail.com.

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.

Spring Reading Plan | The Gospel of Luke

This Spring, our dream at Canterbury is simple and bold: to become people who look and live more like Jesus. We want to learn how to ENCOUNTER God daily and love our neighbors as Christ does. This new reading plan is designed to help us do just that. Each day includes a short scripture passage, a devotional reflection, discussion questions, and a spiritual practice to help us notice God at work. Through reading, practice, and conversation, our hope is that we grow together into a church transformed by daily



encounters with God—for the sake of our lives and our community. For this week's plan and daily devotionals, please scan the QR code.

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

www.canterburyumc.org/2026-reading-plan

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, email becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

