



Hey Siri... |



**New Traditions**

January 26, 2025

## Thank you for joining us!

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)



**Senior Pastor** - Rev. Keith Thompson

**Pastor** - Rev. Hill Carmichael

**Pastor** - Rev. Tori Hastings

**Pastor** - Dr. Bill Morgan

**Pastor** - Rev. Sheryl Thornton

**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



## Who Are We

As people of the church, we are committed to following Jesus with an authentic faith. We seek to be real and authentic in every part of our lives because we believe that Jesus wants to know us. We also believe that Jesus wants to meet us wherever we are in life. At Canterbury United Methodist Church, this is what it means to be in relationship with Christ.

Jesus said the most important thing we can do is to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love our neighbor as our self. This simple yet profound statement represents the real grace and real love Jesus has for all people, particularly those whom the rest of the world often overlooks. This statement from Jesus also represents the very nature of who God is. Through sharing real grace and real love with people, Jesus brought healing into their lives. At Canterbury, we seek to follow Jesus' example, striving to share and experience real grace and real love in our real life.

## Real Grace

Grace stands as a central tenant to our community. It is at the very core of who we are as children of God because it is part of our lives before we are even aware of it. We confess that we are each imperfect, regularly falling short of our own standards and God's. God loves us anyway just as we are. God initiates every relationship with us through grace. God's grace can never be earned, it is all gift. We, as God's children, strive to do the same with each other. We start with grace given to us by God. We live offering the same grace to ourselves and one another.

## Real Love

In a world where people are sometimes criticized for being different, the people of the church are called to be intentionally different. Our Holy Scriptures remind us that we are all created in the image of God; and, if God is Love, then we are created in the image of love. God as revealed in Jesus Christ is what real love looks like. When we are most true to who we are created to be, we are loving. At Canterbury, we seek to embody that love is patient and kind ... and we particularly like it best when it is a verb.

## Real Life

God constantly invites us into a life of full connection with God and others through Jesus Christ. This is the real life we are created for. Nothing but relationship with God and each other will truly satisfy the longing inside us. We believe this is the path to real, abundant life. Our desire is to walk this path together.

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# 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. We want to be a place where you will meet Jesus exactly where you are. 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. If you need help finding your way around, we have welcome guides located at our main entrances and outside the worship areas. We look forward to connecting with you!

## **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 resources available as you enter the worship space including a Worship Activity bag. Excellent nursery care is also available to children through 4 years old, however we love having all ages worshipping together and look forward to the ways they can help us worship God. Nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers for all regularly scheduled worship services. Nursery for other activities and church events can be provided. Please email Breana Stallings at [breana.stallings@canterburyumc.org](mailto:breana.stallings@canterburyumc.org) with any questions about the nursery. Canterbury uses a computer check-in system as part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy.

Help us to celebrate the new life in our congregation by sharing the exciting news with us! We need you to let us know when your family is welcoming a new baby and hope you will contact [linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org](mailto:linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org) so that we can all celebrate another child in our midst.

**Worship Online** We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! All worship services are available through:

### **Website:**

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

### **Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch)

### **YouTube:**

[www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC](http://www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC)

## **CONNECT**

**Next Steps Class** This class 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 these classes, it is our hope you will decide to make Canterbury your new church home. For more information, please contact Becky King at [becky.king@canterburyumc.org](mailto:becky.king@canterburyumc.org).

## **MEET WITH ONE OF OUR PASTORS**

Our pastors would love to meet with you over coffee and get to know you. You can bring any questions you might have and get to know a little more about Canterbury, the United Methodist Church, and anything else you want to talk about. Contact the church office at 205-871-4695 to set that up.

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## **Contact Us**

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**Pastoral Care Response Line:** 205.999.4887

# Order of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

\* Hymn 529

How Firm a Foundation, w. 1, 2, 4, 5

FOUNDATION

## Collect

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

**Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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 19: 1-5

Stan Nelson, cantor

The heavens are telling the glo\*ry of God; | and the firmament proclaims God's \*handiwork.

**Day to day \*pours forth speech, | and night to night de\*clares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor \*are there words; | their voice \*is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through \*all the earth, | and their words to the end \*of the world.**

In them God has set a tent \*for the sun, | which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and runs its course with joy like a \*strong man.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the \*end of them; | and there is nothing hid \*from its heat.**

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

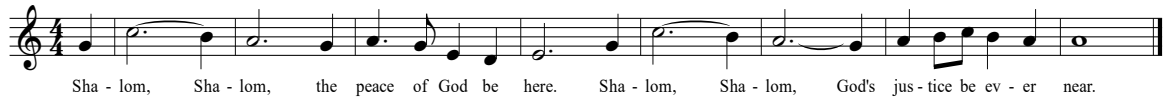
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## 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 14: 1-4, 18-19, 25-27

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

## Sermon

Hey Siri...Heaven?

Rev. Hill Carmichael

## \* Hymn 142

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee, vv. 1, 3

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## Prayers of the People

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

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

## Anthem

My God is So High  
Rebecca Bolding, soprano

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

(Refrain): My God is so high you can't get over Him. He's so low you can't get under Him, He's so wide you can't get 'round Him, you must come in by and through the lamb. One day as I was a walkin along the heavenly road, my Savior spoke unto me and He filled my heart with His love. (Refrain)  
I'll take my gospel trumpet and I'll begin to blow, and if my Savior helps me, I'll blow wherever I'll go. (Refrain)

## \* 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

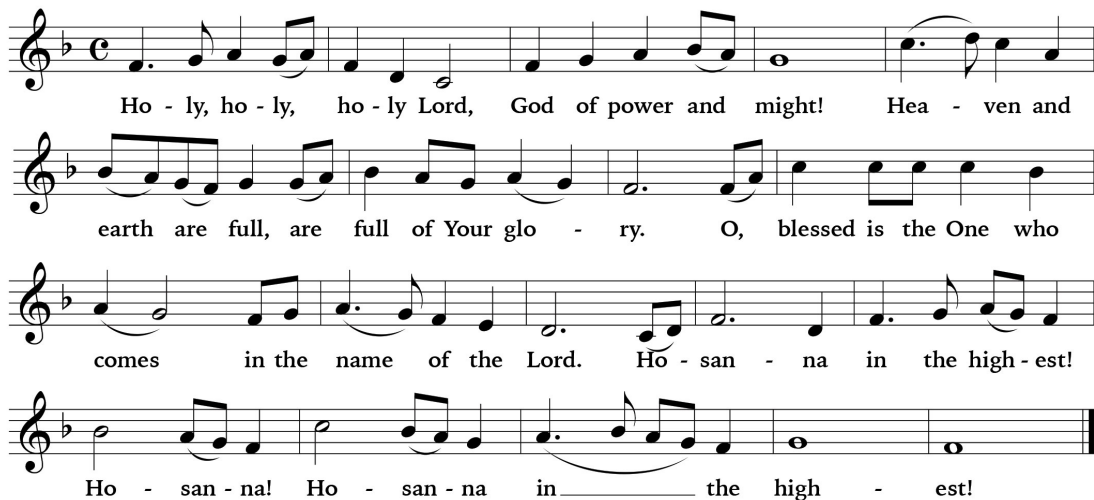
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:**



The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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:**

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.**

A - men! — A - men! — A - - - - men!

**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.

**Receiving the Bread and 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.*

**Communion Music**

The Lord is my Shepherd  
Kathleen Buccleugh, solo

Howard Goodall

**\* 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**

Jerry Robertson (Mark Robertson's father).....January 20, 2025

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**Farewell Reception & Love Offering**

Rev. Sheryl Thornton is retiring from Canterbury after 17 years of beautiful and dedicated service. You are invited to join us for a very special reception to wish Sheryl well on Sunday, March 2. It will be held in the Parlor from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. If you'd like to express your gratitude to Sheryl, you may make a Love Offering in her honor. Please send your check to the Finance Office noting 'Love Offering – Sheryl Thornton ' in the memo line. Thank you for your love and support!



# Happening at Canterbury

## **WE NEED SOUP!**

It requires over 8 gallons of Santa Fe soup to serve at Church of the Reconciler on Thursdays each week. Can you make a double/triple batch and help fill the freezer at Canterbury? If so, please freeze flat and deliver to the church. Thank you for helping to keep our neighbors warm and fed.

## **Legacy Luncheon | January 28 | 12 Noon**

Join us this week for a special time with Encore volunteer Warren Lightfoot. Besides being a founding partner of one of Alabama's most well-known law firms, Warren is also a nationally known sculptor – some of his work is featured in the United States Capitol Rotunda. Join us for lunch and fellowship as we enjoy his amazing story and see some of his beautiful sculptures. RSVP: [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org)

## **Encore Volunteer Training | February 3 | 9 AM-12 Noon**

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! The next training session for current and new volunteers will be held on Monday, February 3 from 9 AM-12 Noon in the Encore Room (Dining Room). For questions or to sign up, please email Patti Williams at [encorepatti@gmail.com](mailto:encorepatti@gmail.com).

## **Discovery Weekend Registration | February 3**

Get ready for the best retreat of the Spring! Discovery Weekend is March 14-16, and it's a retreat for all 7th-12th graders! Discovery Weekend is a weekend for our junior high students that is put on by our senior high students. It is a retreat here at the church that will be the best weekend of your life! Registration will open on Monday, February 3 at 7 AM on the church website.

## **Interest Meeting Wesley Heritage Tour (London) | February 9 | 11:30 AM**

If you are interested in joining this trip to England June 4-12, please attend this upcoming meeting for more trip info and details. If you have already signed up and have questions, this is a great opportunity to get your answers! The meeting will be held on 2/9 in the Dining Room immediately following 10:30 AM worship. For trip details: [www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages](http://www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages)

## **2nd grade Faith Milestone | February 9 | 9:15 AM**

Faith Milestones are a chance for the church to celebrate exactly who your child is right now and connect that to important parts of our faith practices here at church. It is a great opportunity for you to have guided faith conversations with your kiddo and get to know some of the other families who are doing life with you here at Canterbury! We are so excited to see you and your 2nd grader on February 9 at 9:15 AM where we will be learning about communion. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

## **Kids@Canterbury | Summer Dates 2025**

Summer will be here soon! We have all of our camps and summer events on the website. So, take a look and mark your calendars for everything we have in store for your kids this summer at Canterbury! Visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

## Special Events

### **Kate Kennedy Luncheon & Book Signing | February 10 | 11:30 AM – 1 PM**

Canterbury Outreach and Canterbury UMW present a very special opportunity for you to meet and hear from Canterbury's own Kate Kennedy, author of *Once Upon a School*. Kate is the daughter of Bette and Crawford Owen and she grew up in the halls of Canterbury an active member and involved in youth activities. Kate is a mom, a wife, a sister, a friend, and a passionate advocate for children. In 2018, Kate opened a school for children experiencing homelessness in Atlanta. For more information on Kate's work, please visit [katekennedywrites.com](http://katekennedywrites.com). On Monday, February 10 in Wesley Hall, Kate will share about the story of challenging the status quo and digging deep into her own story to find connection, hope, and new answers to old problems in her book. It is a story of racial inequity, generational poverty, and finding community in the most unlikely places. Boxed lunches are available for \$15. To register: [www.canterburyumc.org/kate-kennedy-event](http://www.canterburyumc.org/kate-kennedy-event)



**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS TODAY!**

## **Women's Dinner Event** **January 30** with special guest *Sophie Hudson*

### **Calling all generations...**

All ages are invited to join us for an intergenerational dinner event featuring author and popular speaker Sophie Hudson. Join us on Thursday evening, January 30, at 6 PM to enjoy a fun night of stories and learn ways to find encouragement and hope in the everyday, joy-filled moments of life. For more on Sophie, please visit: [www.boomama.net](http://www.boomama.net)

Tickets are \$25.  
Scan the QR  
code to register.



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**ALSO!** Dr. Leonard Sweet will teach a combined Sunday School Class on Sunday, February 2 in Canterbury Hall – and he will preach in the Contemporary service at 10:30 AM. Don't miss this chance to be inspired and encouraged.



*Thank You for Joining Us Today!*