

New Traditions

January 7, 2024

Epiphany Sunday



Canterbury
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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. Sheryl Thornton

Pastor - Rev. Sam Williamson

Pastor - Rev. Matthew Montgomery

Children's Pastor - Rev. Ruth Grissom

Youth Pastor - Rev. Seth Moon

High School 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.

CANTERBURYUMC.ORG

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.

Children's Ministry at Canterbury begins at birth.

Nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers for all regularly scheduled worship services. Nursery for other activities and church events can be provided. Please feel free to contact Selena Pitsch at selena.pitsch@canterburyumc.org with any questions about 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 so that we can all celebrate another child in our midst.

Things to Know:

- *Hearing assist devices are now available – ask an usher for assistance*
- *The Children's Comfort Room is a place where you may sit with your child. It is adjacent to the Narthex*

Watch Online We understand the challenges you face and we strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us. Our Sanctuary and Contemporary Worship services are available on our website.

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.

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.

Contact Us

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To Join: matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org
205.868.6590 x2327

Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 166

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine, vv. 1, 2, 5

SINE NOMINE

Collect

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

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis

Daniel Seigel, cantor

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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 72: 1, 12 - 14

Stan Nelson, cantor

Give to the king your jus-***tice**, O God,

and your righteousness to the * royal son!****

For he delivers the needy *** when they call,** | the poor and those who have *** no helper.**

He has pity on the weak and * the needy,****

and saves the lives of *** the needy.**

From oppression and violence he re-*deems their life;****

and precious is their blood * in his sight.****

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

Jessie Mayne, cantor

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.**

Sha - lom, Sha - lom, the peace of God be here. Sha - lom, Sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

The Lesson

Acts 19: 1 - 7

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

Sermon

Epiphany

Rev. Hill Carmichael

Response to the Word 604

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God, vv. 1, 4

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Sing We Now of Christmas

French carol

Sing we now of Christmas: Noel, sing we here!
Here our grateful praises to the child so dear!
(Refrain): Sing we noel, for Christ is born!
From the eastern country came the kings afar,
Bearing gifts, to Bethlehem, guided by a star. (Refrain)
Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price;
There was ne'er a stable so like paradise. (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, Father Almighty, 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 Thy 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 risen; Christ will come again!

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.

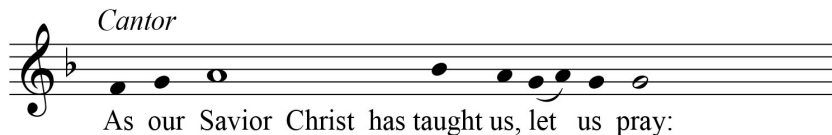
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men! A - men! A - - - men!

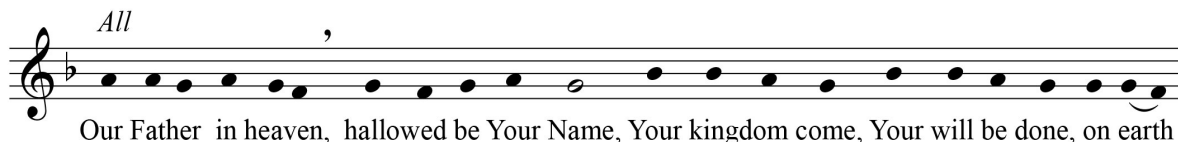
The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)

Cantor



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

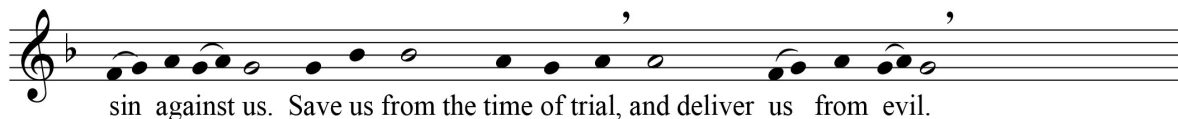
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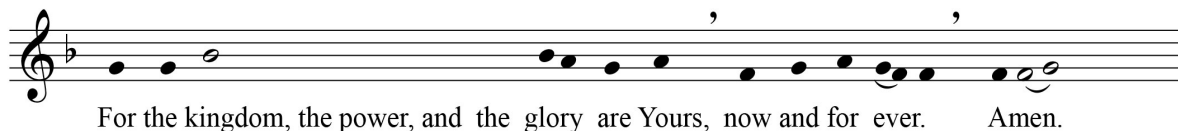
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth



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.

Music During Communion

Thee We Adore

Frederick Candlyn

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail. Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on Thee, and Thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.
Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.
O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.
(St. Thomas Aquinas)

* 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

Anne Berte.....December 30, 2023

Nancy Coppage.....January 1, 2024

Happening at Canterbury

Book Club with John Archibald | January 8 | 11:30 AM

Join us for Book Club from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM in Room M200. The January book is “Shaking the Gates of Hell” and will be led by the author himself, John Archibald. Lunch is available for \$12, email Clare at clare.mallette@canterburyumc.org to place your order. Register today: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Winter Studies | Begin January 10

Join us on January 10 when Wednesday dinner returns along with Winter Session 1 studies and a special NEW Wednesday night series - Real Life Sessions. For more details and to sign up please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Confirmation Retreat | January 12-14

7th grade YACs! It's almost time for the Confirmation Retreat - an incredible weekend at Shocco Springs (where Journey was!) You don't want to miss it! Registration is now open at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#confirmation

Men's Breakfast | January 16 | 6:30 AM

All men of Canterbury are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, January 16. We'll enjoy breakfast and fellowship, and will also discuss the upcoming events specifically designed for men of the church. So, if you are interested in being a part of a Life Group, signing up for a Men's Retreat, or being a part of any of the upcoming ministries for men, you don't want to miss this breakfast event! Register now at: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast

Emotionally Healthy Relationships | Begins January 17 | 5:30 PM

This course, led by Annie Skinner, is based on core Biblical principles to guide you into an experience of discipleship that will deeply change your life. You will learn 8 practical relationship skills to develop mature, loving relationships with others. Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30 PM, January 17-March 13. Register at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Next Steps | Begins January 21 | 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 continue building connections with others. It will be held on Sunday mornings, 1/21- 2/11. To register, please email Becky King at becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

Women's Dinner Event | January 23 | 6 PM

Canterbury women of all ages are invited to attend “Flourishing with Faith and Joy” – a very special evening of faith, fellowship and fun. The night will feature guest speakers Betty Gunn and Laura Sisson. A delicious Italian meal will be served and we will enjoy an evening focused on how we find faith and joy! This is a wonderful opportunity to mingle with old friends and to meet new people at Canterbury. The event is hosted by Canterbury United Methodist Women, but you do not have to be a member or join UMW to attend. Register today at www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women.

Upcoming Events



Raising Boys

GUEST SPEAKER
David Thomas

JANUARY 28
2-4 PM

What does it look like to raise boys with emotional strength? Young men who have the skills and resources to navigate all the moments of life - from the first day of school to conflict with friends, losing games and struggling with homework, facing challenges, and developing resilience.

This session will equip you to help boys develop three foundational ingredients for emotional health, known as the 3 R's. You will walk away with questions to ask the kids in your life, practical ideas and intentional practices for building emotional strength in your family.

David is the Executive Director of Daystar Counseling Ministries in Nashville, Tennessee. He is a frequent guest on national television and podcasts and has been featured in publications like The Washington Post and USA Today, and speaks across the country. For more information, visit raisingboysandgirls.com.

Free Admission. Open to the public!

Let us know you are coming by registering:
www.canterburyumc.org/event/guest-speaker-david-thomas/



AGAINST HUNGER

February 25 & 26
Canterbury Hall

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations. Each year, Canterbury partners with Rise Against Hunger to pack thousands of meals. In 2023, we reached our goal by packing 150,000 meals. **In February, we plan to pack 200,000 meals** - bringing the total meals packed at Canterbury since beginning this program to 4 million meals!

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve with your Sunday school class, small group, or even your neighbors and friends. Many hands and hearts are needed, so register for a shift today! Click the QR code below or visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/rise-against-hunger





Thank You for Joining Us Today!