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like  
jesus*



*new traditions  
march 15, 2026  
fourth 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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/attendance)



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

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# Order of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Matthew Montgomery

### \* Hymn 179

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem, vv. 1, 3, 4

KINGSFOLD

### Collect

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

**Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 23

Stan Nelson, cantor

The Lord is my shepherd; I \*shall not want. |

**The Lord makes me lie down \*in green pastures,**

leads me be\*side still waters, | re\*stores my life,

**leads me \*in right paths | for the sake of \*the Lord's name.**

Even though I walk through the \*darkest valley, | I \*fear no evil;

**for \*you are with me; | your rod and your staff, they \*comfort me.**

You prepare a ta\*ble before me | in the presence \*of my enemies;

**you anoint my \*head with oil, | my cup \*overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall \*follow me | all the days \*of my life;

**and I shall dwell in the house \*of the Lord | as long \*as I live.**

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

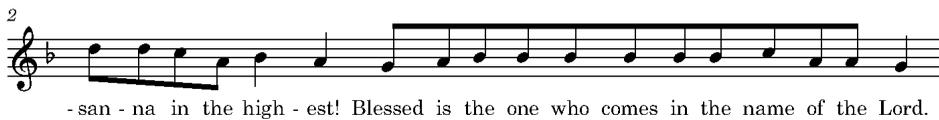
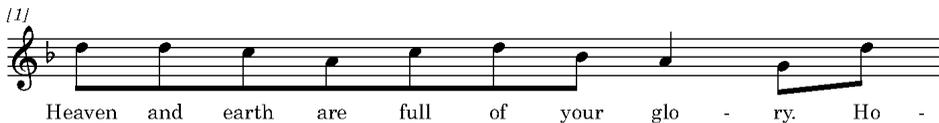
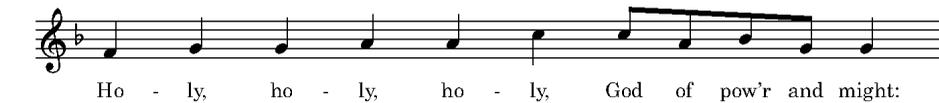
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:**



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)

*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**

Slow Movement from Oboe Concerto  
James Sullivan, oboe

Benedetto Marcello

Bread of the World

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN

**\* 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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On this Fourth Sunday of Lent we welcome James Sullivan, principal oboist of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, to assist us in worship music.

**Thanksgiving for the lives of**

Rosemary Henry (Bob Henry's mother).....March 5, 2026  
Michael "Mike" Woodke (Brian Woodke's father).....March 8, 2026

# *happening at canterbury*

## **Outreach Easter Baskets | Now - March 29**

Help make Easter happy for over 250 local children! This year our Easter Basket project will benefit kids at Pathways Women's Shelter, Avondale Samaritan Place and King's Home. Pick up an empty basket this morning near the Round Desk! Return baskets filled with goodies by or before March 29.

## **Blessing of the Animals | TODAY | 3-4 PM**

Bring your furry friends to the Chapel lot for a joyful, come-and-go afternoon celebrating the pets we love. Enjoy interactive stations including a Blessing Station, Bandana Decorating, Treats, and



a Picture Station to capture the fun. Don't miss the "Claw-tillion." Dress up your pet and watch them shine as they're introduced by name and walk an astroturf "runway" complete with fire hydrants. Perfect for families,

pet lovers, and anyone ready for a little extra joy!

## **UMW Annual Fern Sale | Now - April 1**

This fundraiser 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 by scanning the QR code. Pick up will be Saturday, April 11 from 8 AM-12 Noon at the Chapel drive through.



## **Women's Serve Night | March 17 | 6 PM**



If you go to Canterbury ... and if you are a woman... YOU 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 packing pajama and hygiene kits. Please RSVP FOR THE DINNER and donate funds for the needed items by scanning the QR code.

## **Easter Egg Hunt | April 4 | 10 AM**

Hop on over and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt full of springtime fun! Kids are invited to enjoy crafts, games, and a classic egg hunt - with plenty of colorful eggs and joyful surprises along the way. Don't forget to bring your basket and your best egg-hunting skills! It will be a sweet, simple celebration of Easter fun and community!

## **Speakers David Thomas & Sissy Goff**

### **April 28 | 6 PM**

David Thomas returns to Canterbury this spring with Sissy Goff for a meaningful evening for parents. With more than 30 years of experience as therapists at Daystar Counseling Ministries, they offer practical wisdom and deep compassion for children and families. As authors, speakers, and hosts of the Raising Boys & Girls podcast, they'll share insights from their new book, *Capable: How To Teach Your Kids the Strengths, Skills, and Strategies to Build Resilience*.

Get your tickets now: [www.TPRLive.co](http://www.TPRLive.co).

*This is a must-attend event for all parents!*

# *holy week at canterbury*



MONDAY  
*march 30*  
ALLIE MCALLISTER

TUESDAY  
*march 31*  
GANN WATERS-WRIGHT

WEDNESDAY  
*april 1*  
ELEANOR CHRISTIANSEN

## **Noon Services | March 30, 31 & April 1**

- 12 PM | Chapel

Join us Monday through Wednesday at noon in the Chapel for a brief time of reflection and worship. Each day will feature a different guest speaker as shown above.

## **Holy Week Seder Meal | April 1**

- 5:30 PM | Canterbury Hall

Join us for a meaningful and interactive evening around the table as we explore the ancient Seder meal Jesus shared with his disciples. Together we'll discover how this sacred tradition connects to the Lord's Supper as we practice it today.

\$10 per person. By reservation only. Deadline is March 27.

Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/worship/lent](http://www.canterburyumc.org/worship/lent)

## **Maundy Thursday | April 2**

- 12 PM | Chapel

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper and you are invited to join us at noon to partake in this special time of remembrance.

## **Good Friday | April 3**

- 12 PM | Canterbury Center
- 6 PM | Chapel

On Good Friday, we remember the day that Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Two services will be held - a service of darkness led by our Contemporary Worship team at 12 PM in Canterbury Center, and a traditional Good Friday service in the Chapel at 6 PM.

# *easter at canterbury*

*sunday, april 5*

## **Sanctuary Worship**

8:15 & 10:30 AM

Sanctuary

## **Contemporary Worship**

8:15 & 10:30 AM

Canterbury Center



### **EASTER CROSSES**

The Easter crosses are placed in Martha's Garden each year to be adorned with spring flowers by you and your family! There are also several other crosses, like pictured above, placed at church entrances. These make for wonderful photo opportunities and will be great memories of a beautiful Easter celebration.

### **EASTER OFFERING**

The Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund Easter Offering benefits vital ministries at Canterbury. This year your gifts will directly benefit ASP's Use Your Noodle Program, the Beeson Social Work Assistance Fund, and Canterbury's Direct Assistance. You may bring your gift to worship on Easter Sunday or mail it to 350 Overbrook Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35213. Please make your check payable to the Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund.



