

New Traditions

November 15, 2026

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

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
Children's Pastor - Rev. Eleanor Christiansen
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
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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.

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Order of Worship

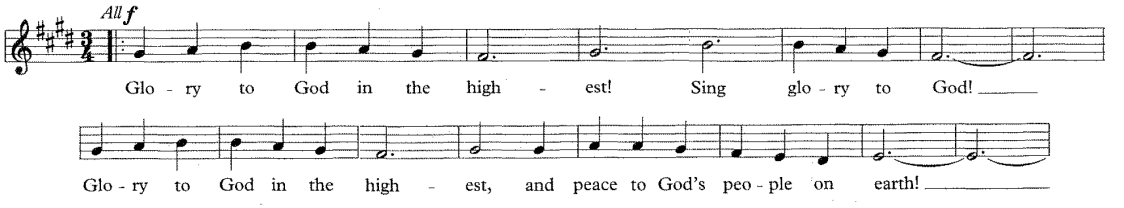
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Eleanor Christiansen

*** Hymn 108** God Hath Spoken by the Prophets EBENEZER

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted) Psalm 123: 1-4 Stan Nelson, cantor

To you I lift up *my eyes, | O you who are enthroned *in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand *of her mistress, | so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy *upon us.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy *upon us, |
for we have had more than enough *of contempt.
Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who *are at ease, |
of the contempt *of the proud.

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

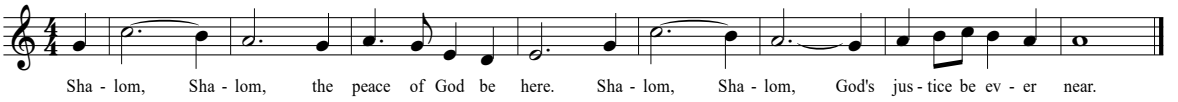
Kyrie 482

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 1 Kings 19: 1-14

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

Sermon Even When: The Silence Gets Loud Rev. Hill Carmichael

*** Hymn 192** There's a Spirit in the Air, vv. 1, 3, 6 ORIENTIS PARTIB

Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem O Lord, How Can We Know Thee? Ron Nelson

O Lord, how can we know thee? Where can we find thee? Thou art as close to us as breathing, and yet art farther than the farthermost star. Thou art as mysterious as the vast solitudes of the night, yet art as familiar to us as the light of the sun. When justice burns like a flaming fire, when love evokes willing sacrifice, do we not bow down to Thee? Thou livest within our hearts, as Thou dost pervade the world, and we, through Thy presence, behold.

*** 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.**

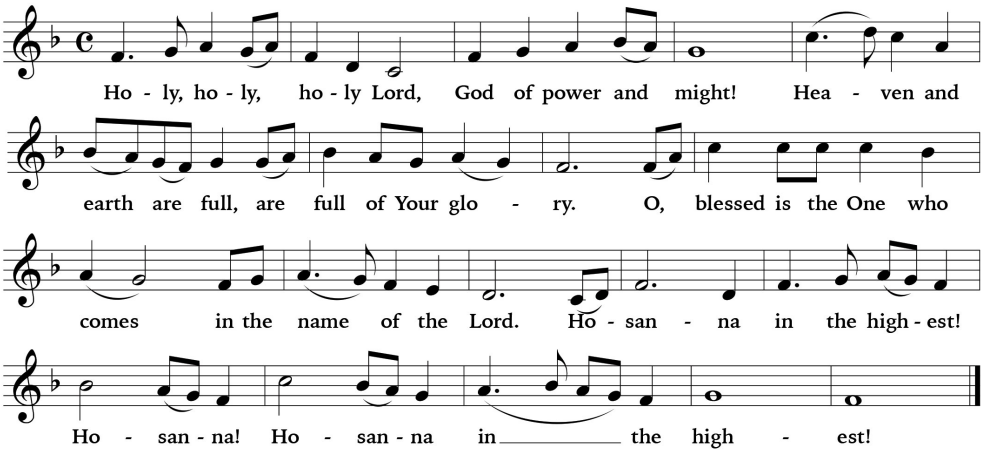
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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:

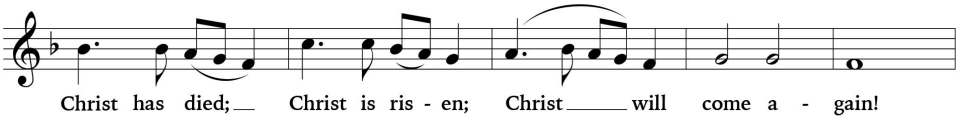


Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

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.

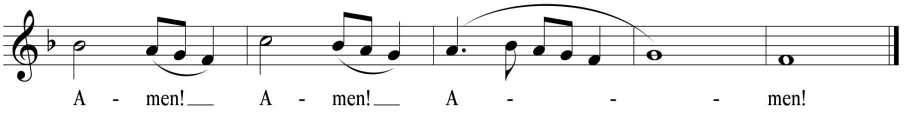
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, 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:

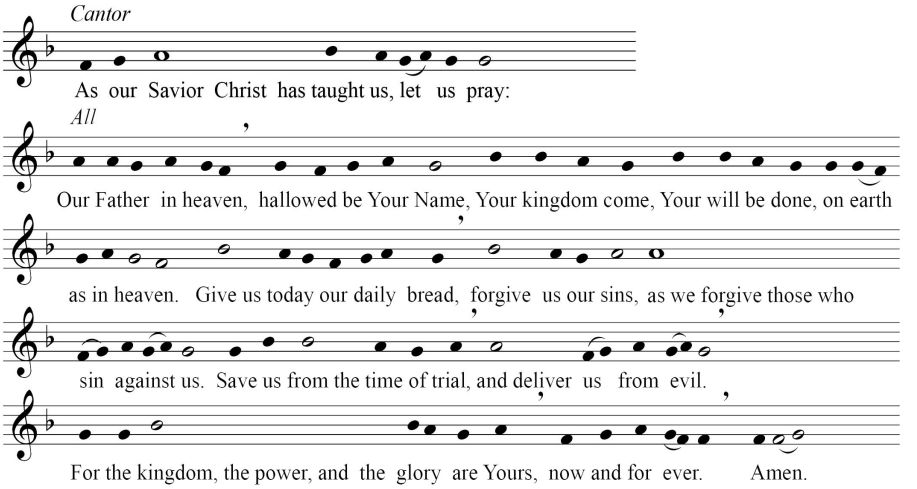


Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, 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.

Music During Communion O Breath of Life BISHOP POWELL

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour.
O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need.
Then in your tenderness remake us; revive, restore, for this we plead.
O Breath of Love, come, breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart.
Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us; revive your church in every part

*** 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.

*** Choral Benediction & Sending Forth**

Congratulations to

Shelby & John Anderson, proud parents of Wells Michael Anderson, born on November 9, 2026.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Canterbury's Stephen Ministers offer a beautiful expression of Christ's love through compassionate, one-on-one care for those walking through difficult seasons of life. These dedicated congregation members are specially trained to provide confidential Christian care, offering a listening ear, a caring heart, and a steady presence. Each Stephen Minister walks alongside one person at a time, meeting weekly to offer encouragement, prayer, and support.

We are deeply grateful for our Stephen Ministers and the quiet, faithful ways they share God's grace and love. Their willingness to give their time, open their hearts, and walk alongside others during life's challenges is a true gift to our congregation. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ and reminding others that they are never alone. If you would like to know more, please contact Rev. Hill Carmichael.

Happening at Canterbury

Wednesday Night Schedule

- November 18 - Dinner & Session 3 Studies
- November 25 - No Dinner or Studies, Thanksgiving
- December 2 - Dinner & Session 3 Studies
- December 9 - Christmas Chili Cookoff

Christmas Chili Cookoff & Teams
December 9 | 5:30-7 PM

Canterbury's Christmas Chili Cookoff Returns! Join us for a fun and festive evening enjoying a hearty spread of homemade chilis while celebrating the season with friends, games, and great food! Gather a team and enter your best chili to compete for prizes! Entry fee: $20 Entry Deadline: December 4
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/worship/advent

Men's Breakfast
November 19 | 6:30 AM

Wake up early and come for breakfast and hear from Garrett Harper, Executive Director of Urban Ministry as he shares stories from the ministry of Urban Ministry and our partnership.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry

Christmas Village
Gifts Due November 22

The annual toy drive is in full swing! Shop local at Snoozy's Kids (they deliver to Canterbury!) or purchase gifts from our Amazon Wish List - scan the QR code. Deliver your gifts by November 22. Thank you for helping us provide gifts for more than 400 local children!

You may also support Christmas Village by:

- Baking a dozen treats over the Thanksgiving and delivering to Canterbury on November 30. Our goal is 200 dozen baked treats!
- Volunteering at the event on Dec. 2 & 3! Sign up by scanning this QR code.
- Dropping off coats for the Coat Drive.

Encouragers Serve Night: Girls' Night Out
December 1 | 5:30 PM

All ladies are invited to join the Encouragers women's ministry for a special Christmas Serve Night benefiting girls in foster care at Grace House! We'll share a festive evening of dinner, cookie decorating, and Christmas cheer. Help make the night memorable by volunteering or donating needed items.

Register to attend and pay the $15 dinner fee by scanning the QR code. Come share the joy of the season!

Side-by-Side Chorus Christmas Concert
December 8 | 2 PM

What better way to enjoy the holiday season than with a fun and festive Christmas concert from an 80-voice chorus and band! The Side-by-Side Community Chorus is made up of folks from our Encore community who love to sing and be with friends! This year's concert will benefit the Encore Family Fund. Free admission, donations will be accepted at the door! Also! Make plans to shop for unique holiday gifts before and after the event.

The Science & The Miracle
December 13 | 4:30 PM | Samford University

Join us for a special family-friendly adventure full of wonder as we explore the science behind the Star of Bethlehem and pause to leave room for the mystery and miracle of the Christmas story.

Limited Seating. Reservations required!
$12 per seat | Scan the QR code to reserve by December 6.

The first Sunday of Advent is November 29 and we have a great season ahead. For a full list of happenings including Christmas Eve services, please visit:
www.canterburyumc.org/worship/advent