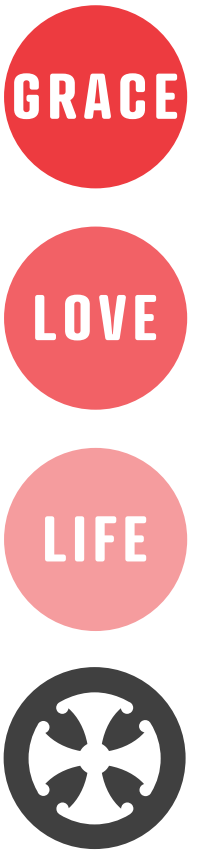
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New Traditions

November 22, 2026

Christ the King Sunday

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:

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
YouTube
www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC

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

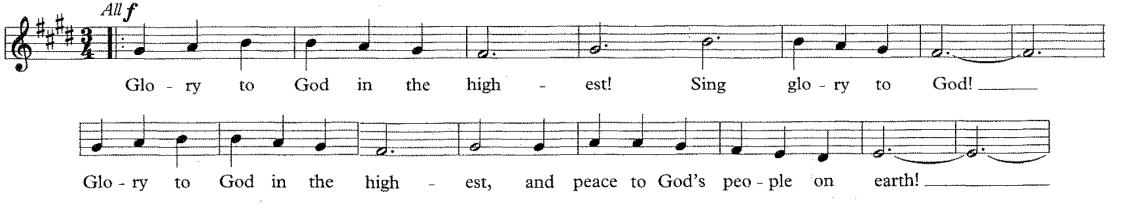
Welcome and Announcements Dr. Rick Owen

*** Hymn 718** Lo, He Comes, With Clouds Descending vv. 1, 2, 4 HELMSLEY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-be loved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted) Psalm 95: 1-7 Stan Nelson, cantor

O come, let us sing *to the Lord; | **let us make a noise to the rock of *our salvation!**
Let us come into God's presence *with thanksgiving; |
let us make a joyful noise with *songs of praise!
For the Lord is *a great God, | and a great Ruler a*bove all gods,
In whose hands are the depths *of the earth | and also the heights *of the mountains.
The sea belongs to God who made it, | and the dry land, be*cause God formed it.
O come, let us worship *and bow down, | **let us kneel before the *Lord, our Maker!**
For the Lord *is our God; | **we are the sheep of God's pasture, the sheep *of God's hand.**

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

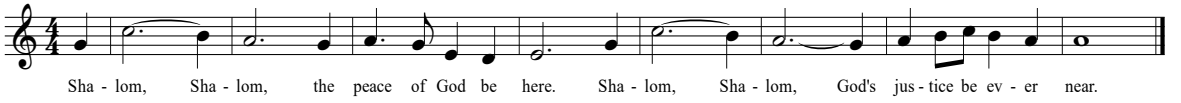
Kyrie 482

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 Ephesians 1: 15-23

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

Sermon Christ the King Rev. Hill Carmichael

*** Hymn 694** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come vv. 1, 4 ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Richard Shephard

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits! The King of Kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here. O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ as ruler is confessed! O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes! Come then, O Savior, and abide; our hearts to thee be open wide; may all thy inward presence feel, to all thy grace and love reveal. (German hymn by Georg Weissel, 17th c.)

*** 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.**

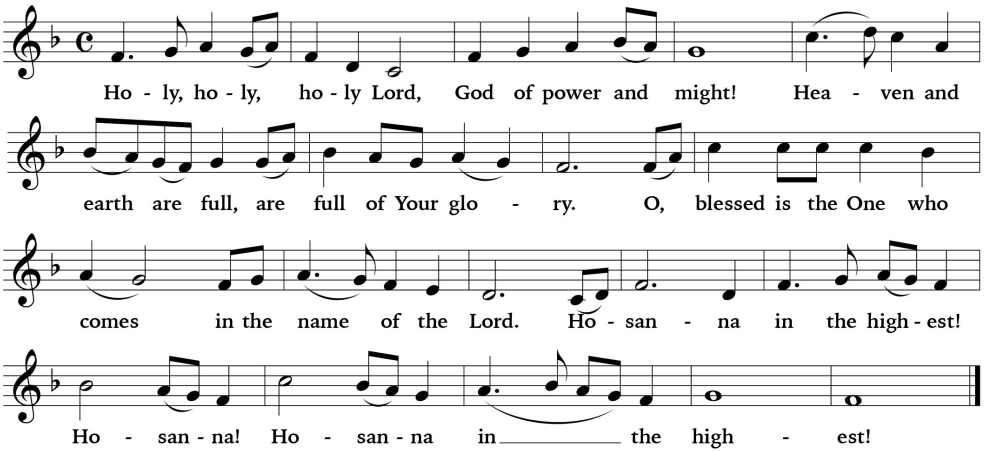
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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:

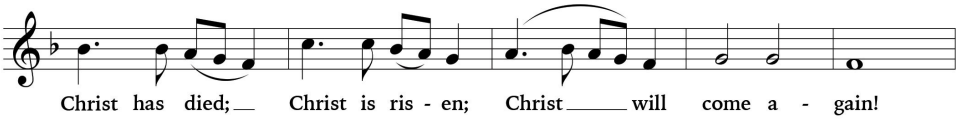


Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

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.

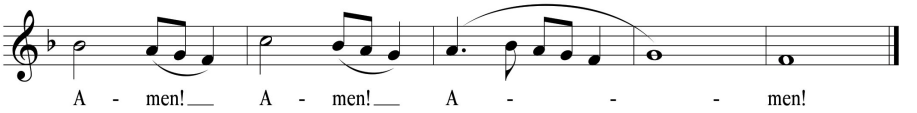
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples,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

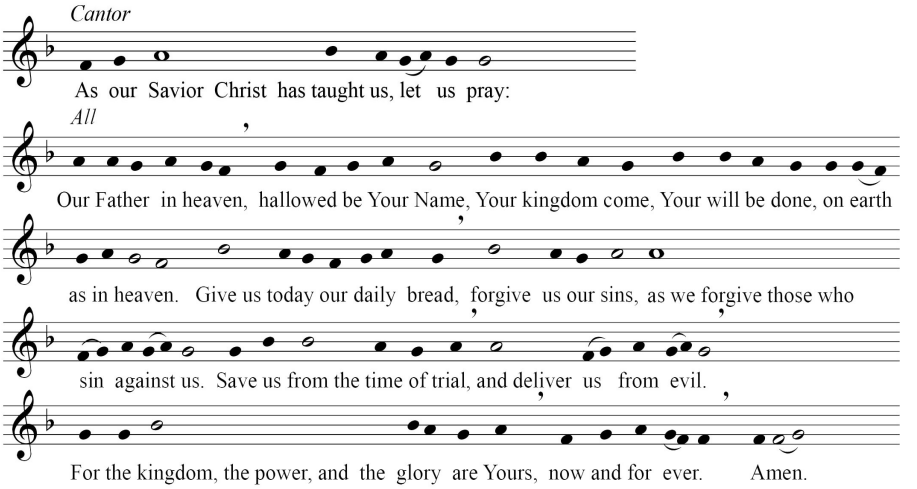


Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,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

Wake, awake, for night is flying; the watchers on the heights are crying: Awake, Jerusalem, at last! Midnight hears the welcome voices and at the thrilling cry rejoices; come forth, you maidens, night is past; the Bridegroom comes, awake; your lamps with gladness take; Alleluia! And for his marriage feast prepare, for you must go and meet him there.
Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing; she wakes, she rises from her gloom; for her Lord comes down all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her Star is risen; her Light is come. Ah come, thou blessed One; God's own beloved Son: Alleluia! We follow till the halls we see where thou hast bid us sup with thee.

*** 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

Madeline & Fischer Priestley, proud parents of Beau Wilson Priestley, born on October 6, 2026

MUSIC NOTE

This Sunday before Advent ends the Liturgical Year and is known as Christ the King, or the Reign of Christ Sunday. The parable of the wise and foolish maidens is the traditional Gospel lesson for the day. The choir's anthem, "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" is one of the great Protestant German hymns, nicknamed "The King of Chorales" because of its association with this day. Our opening hymn is one of Charles Wesley's on the same theme, and our closing hymn, known in the US as a hymn associated with Thanksgiving Day, references Christ the King in the final verse, from Rev. 22, indirectly pointing us to the beginning of Advent next week.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The holiday season is often a time of joy and celebration, but we also recognize that for many, this time of year can be especially difficult. Whether you are grieving the loss of a loved one, facing personal challenges, navigating a difficult transition, or simply experiencing a season of uncertainty, please know that you do not have to walk through it alone.

Canterbury's Stephen Ministers are here to offer a listening ear, a caring heart, and a compassionate presence. These trained congregation members provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to those experiencing grief, hardship, or other challenges in life. If you or someone you know could benefit from the care and support of a Stephen Minister during this holiday season, please contact Rev. Hill Carmichael at hill.carmichael@canterburyumc.org. We are here for you.

POINSETTIA AND WREATH ORDERS

Help beauitfy our worship spaces on Christmas Eve by placing a poinsettia or wreath in memory or in honor of a special friend or loved one. You may place your order online by scanning the QR code or the order form below. If you have questions, please email Brittany Smith at brittany.smith@canterburyumc.org.
The deadline to order is December 14!



Poinsettias and Wreaths

To place a poinsettia or wreath in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one, please complete this form:

Poinsettia _____ Wreath _____

Placed in Honor ____ Memory___ of _____

By _____ Phone# _____

Make your check ($25 per poinsettia or $50 per wreath) payable to Canterbury UMC and return it with this completed form to the church office no later than December 14.

Happening at Canterbury

Christmas Village Gifts Due TODAY

• The annual toy drive is coming to a close. If you have gifts to deliver, please bring them in by Monday morning. Thank you for making Christmas special for over 400 local children!

• You may also support Christmas Village by baking a dozen treats over the Thanksgiving and delivering to Canterbury on November 30.

Wednesday Night Schedule

• 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: $20 Deadline: Dec. 4

Scan the QR code to register or go to www.canterburyumc.org/worship/advent

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 holiday season!

Birmingham-Southern Alumni Choir Concert
December 4 | 7 PM

All are invited to attend this special music event in Canterbury's Sanctuary. It is the choir's 90th year to perform Lessons & Carols.

Baby's First Milestone
December 6 | 9:15 AM

We are excited to see you and your baby at your first milestone for them on December 6. We will be talking about what daily faith practices you'd like to establish in your home and will make a special handprint ornament to remember this sacred time you are experiencing with your little one. We will have space devoted to letting our littles roam about and play while we talk! Please RSVP so that we will be prepared with materials for your family.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Side-by-Side Chorus at Birmingham Zoo
December 6 | 5:30 PM

The Side-by-Side Community Chorus is made up of folks from our Encore program who love to sing and be with friends! It will make a special appearance singing at Glow Wild, the holiday light festivity at the Birmingham Zoo. Come out on Sunday, December 6 at 5:30 PM to enjoy the evening of lights and support this very special choir.

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 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

Christmas Chili Cookoff

Wednesday Night | December 9

5:30-7 PM | Canterbury Hall

Returns!

Christmas Chili Cookoff returns on Wednesday, December 9 in Canterbury Hall, and we're ready for some friendly competition! Gather your team, fire up your favorite chili recipe, and join us for a festive night filled with delicious food, games, friends, and prizes!

Sign up your team today!

- $20 entry fee
- Scan QR code to register
- Deadline to Register: December 4



sweaters, spice and everything nice



Wonder

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

NEW TRADITIONS SERVICE

8:15 AM | Chapel

A STORYBOOK CHRISTMAS

11 AM | Canterbury Center

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

3 PM | Canterbury Center

SANCTUARY SERVICE

3 PM | Sanctuary

SANCTUARY SERVICE

5 PM | Sanctuary



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