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New Traditions

October 19, 2025

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



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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

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

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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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

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Bill Morgan

* Hymn 577

God of Grace and God of Glory, vv. 1, 3

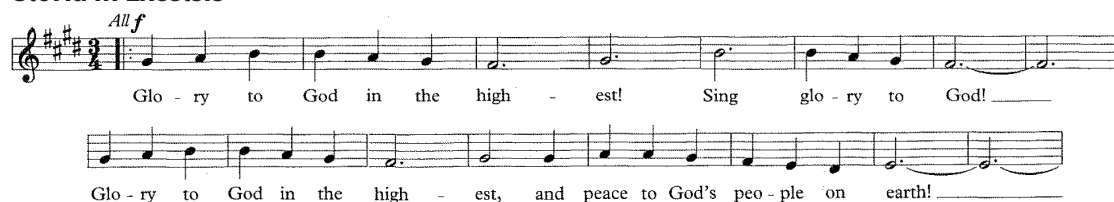
CWM RHONDDA

Collect

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 119:97-104

Stan Nelson, cantor

Oh, how I *love your law! | It is my meditation all *the day long.

Your commandment makes me wiser than *all my enemies, | for it is al*ways with me.

I have more understanding than all *my teachers, | for your decrees are my *meditation.

I understand more than *the aged, | for I keep *your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every *evil way, | in order to *keep your word.

I do not turn away from *your ordinances, | for you *have taught me.

How sweet are your words *to my taste, | sweeter than honey *to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get un*derstanding; | therefore I hate ev*ery false way.

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

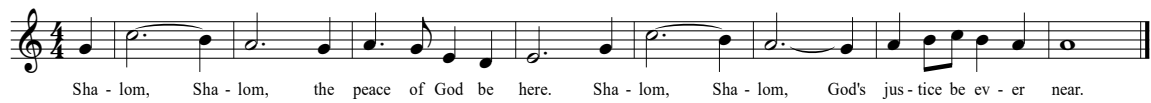
Kyrie 482

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**

Luke 18: 1-8
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Hill Carmichael

Hymn 430

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee, vv. 1,2,4

MARYTON

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Sing, My Soul, his Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem

Sing, my soul, His wondrous love, who from yon bright throne above, Ever watchful o'er our race, still to man extends His grace. Heav'n and earth by Him were made; all is by His sceptre swayed. What are we, that He should show so much love to us below? God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood, And to make our safety sure, guides us by His spirit pure. Sing, my soul, adore His name! Let His glory be thy theme! Praise Him 'til he calls thee home; trust His love for all to come.

*** 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

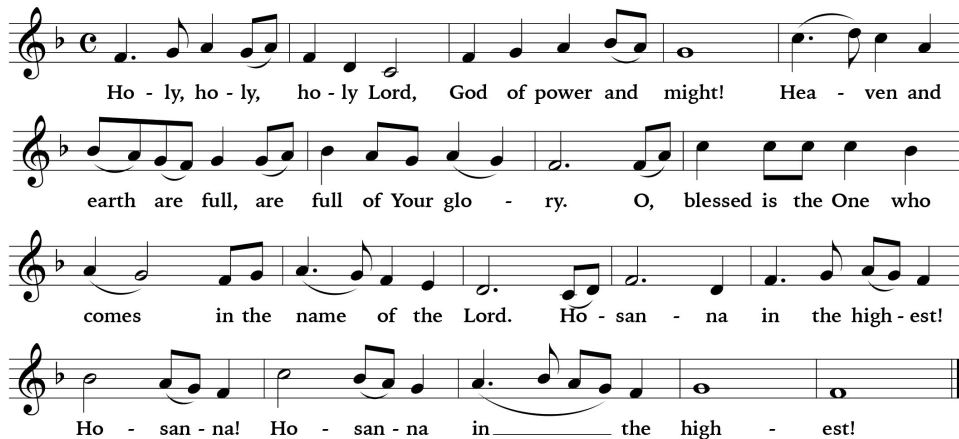
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:



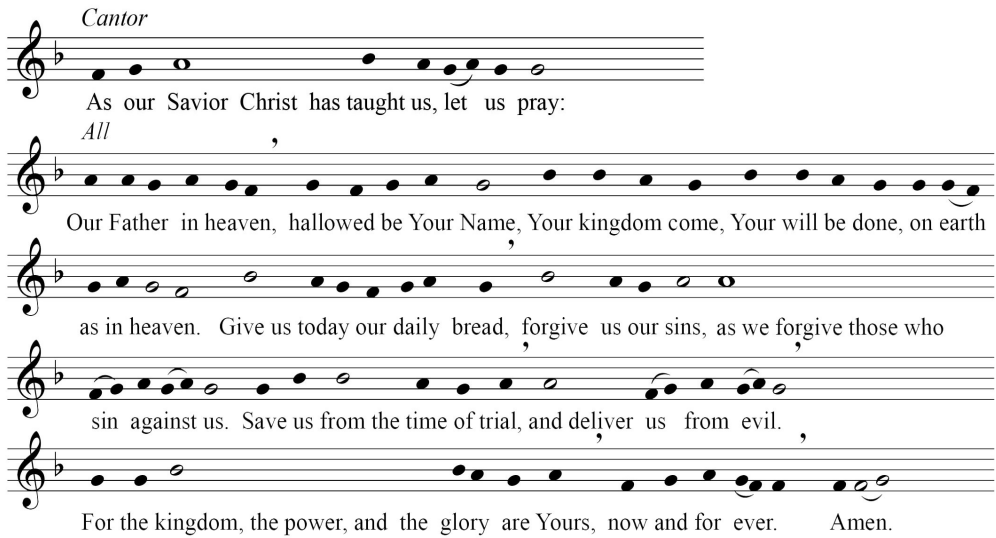
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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. Ushers will guide you.*

Hymn During Communion 613

O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread

LAND OF REST

* 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

Congratulations to

Sydney Marie Brennan & Andrew David Burris, Jr. were united in holy matrimony on
October 18, 2025.

Thanksgiving for the life of

Bill Prosch (Liz Prosch's husband).....October 8, 2025

Happening at Canterbury

Wednesday Dinner Price Increase

Our numbers for Wednesday Night Dinners and Bible studies continue to rise. This is GREAT news! We love you all being here and since 2008, we have been able to keep our dinner prices the same despite rising food costs. However, in order to continue to serve high quality food and meet the wonderful increase in attendance, our prices will change on Wednesday, October 22. Beginning then, our prices will be \$10 per adult meal, \$7 per child with a \$30 family max. Thank you!

New Young Adult Sunday School Class October 19 | 9:15 AM

This morning, we are launching a new Young Adult class for people aged 22-26 (but no hard age limits!) If you are a young adult, looking for community, and interested in being a part of a brand-new class, please email Matthew at matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org.

Legacy Luncheon | October 28 | 12 Noon

Join us as we welcome Canterbury's very own Perryn Carroll. She is the Executive Director of The Jimmie Hale Mission - and was named the 2025 Remarkable Woman of the Year for Central Alabama! Come for great food and fellowship and to hear her compelling story! Lunch (\$5). RSVP: valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

Halloween Fun Night | October 29 | 5-7 PM

Hey kids! Wednesday, October 29 will be spook-tacular! Wear your costumes to church for dinner and a night full of Halloween fun!

Wednesday Bible Studies | Fall Session 3 Begin November 5

Our next round of studies will begin on Wednesday, November 5. There's a great line up, with lots to choose from. For the full list and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Book Club | November 10 | 11:30 AM

Held on the 2nd Monday of the month from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Bring your lunch and join in the discussion. For book titles and dates: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

YAC Journey Retreat | November 21-23

Register now! Journey is November 21-23 at Shocco Springs in Talladega. This is a fall retreat for all 7th-12th graders, and friends are always welcome! Make sure to sign up now: Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Santa Fe Soup Needed!

Help us serve the Church of the Reconciler on Thursdays each week. Make a double/triple batch and help fill the freezer at Canterbury. Please freeze flat and deliver to the church. Thank you for helping to keep our neighbors warm and fed.

Germany & Poland | April 2026

Faith Pilgrimage - Join Rev. Tori Hastings and fellow Canterburyans April 9-19 and follow the footsteps of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Reformation. For more info and to register for the trip: www.canterburyumc.org/community/

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

If you haven't had the chance to make your 2026 pledge yet, it's not too late. Every gift, large or small, makes a difference and helps us move forward together as one church, connected and committed to God's work in our community and beyond. When you are ready to make your 2026 financial commitment, please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/giving