



Canterbury  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Sanctuary Worship**

**February 1, 2026**

Fifth Sunday in Epiphany

## 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)



**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

**Bishop in Residence** - Dr. Mike Watson

**Choirmaster and Organist** - Dr. Lester Seigel

**Crucifer** - Leigh Anne Precise | **Acolyte** - Charlie Brandenburg



## 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.

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# 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. 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. 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 activity bags available as you enter the worship space. 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. Nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers for all regularly scheduled worship services. 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 email [linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org](mailto:linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org) so that we can all celebrate another child in our midst.

## **Things to Know** - *Ask an usher for assistance!*

- *Listen Everywhere*, a bluetooth hearing app, is available as well as other hearing assist devices.
- The Children's Comfort Room is located adjacent to the Narthex, a quiet place for you and your child.

**Worship Online** We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! Sunday worship services are available through:

### **Website**

[www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online](http://www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online)

### **Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch)

### **YouTube**

[www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC](http://www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC)

## **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 quarterly 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](mailto: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. To set that up, contact the church office at 205-871-4695.

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## **CONTACT US**

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# Order of Worship

## Voluntary

Prelude on “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Leo Sowerby

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Bill Morgan

### \* Processional Hymn 66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

### \* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \* Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### \* Passing of the Peace

*The Peace of the Lord be with you, and also with you.*

## Pastoral Prayer

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

### Anthem

Blessed Are the Righteous

David Bloom

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry, but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.

But whoever drinks from the water I give him will never thirst; indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; let the righteous rejoice in him and take refuge in him, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Amen.

### \* Doxology

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**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. Amen.**

### \* Gospel Processional 451

Be Thou My Vision, v. 1

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\* **The Lesson**

Matthew 5: 1-12

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

\* **Gospel Processional 451**

Be Thou My Vision, v. 3

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**Sermon**

Rev. Keith Thompson

**The Great Thanksgiving**

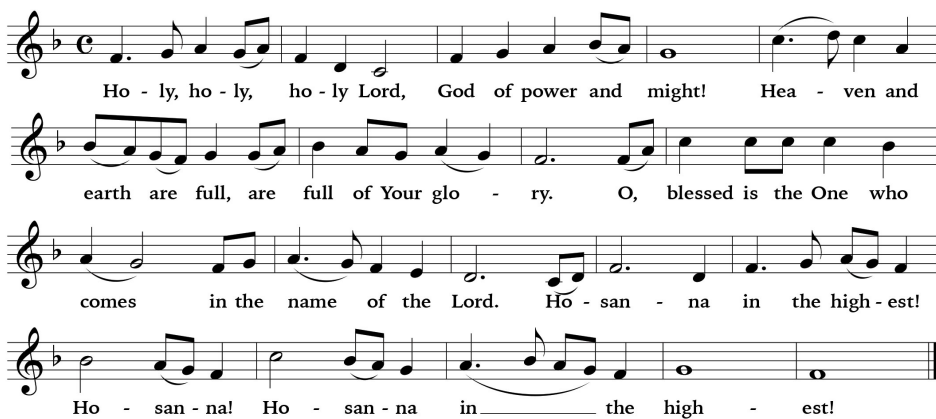
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 ...  
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here ...

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sung Refrain: **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table spread for me; here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee. Amen.

## \* Postlude

- Barton and Scott Styslinger, proud parents of a baby boy, Thomas "Reese" Styslinger, born on January 16, 2026.

# Happening at Canterbury

## engAGE Lunch & Learn | February 10 | 11:30 AM

Join us as we welcome back Warren B. Lightfoot. Enjoy a wonderful lunch as he leads us through engaging exploration of the resurrection, examining the evidence for Christ's bodily resurrection through classical art and authoritative sources, including the Bible. Come be inspired, challenged, and enriched by this exploration of faith, history, and art. All are welcome! \$10. RSVP by February 5 to [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

## New Learning Opportunity! Begins February 12 | 11:30 AM

Join us for a meaningful series of Thursday day-time learning sessions as we continue growing together on our discipleship journey. "Exploring the Life and Witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer" will allow us to take a closer look at the life, theology, and his lasting impact through three sessions in Room M227. Feel free to attend one, two, or all three! Registration not required.

- Thursday, February 12 | 11:30 AM-1 PM  
Rachel Estes will show a film on the life of Bonhoeffer.
- Thursday, February 19 | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Pastor Bill Morgan will share reflections.
- Thursday, February 26 | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Pastor Tori Hastings will continue the conversation.

## Men's Breakfast | February 26 | 6:30 AM

Join us for breakfast on February 26 from 6:30-7:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. Our very own Bishop Mike Watson will be sharing words of inspiration as we journey together through the Lenten season. Note: due to increased costs, our breakfast is now \$15. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry](http://www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry)

## Discovery Weekend | March 13-15

This is a retreat for all 7th-12th graders filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! It's different from other retreats because it all happens here at Canterbury and it is put on by the Sr. High students for our Jr. High students! Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth)

## Speakers David Thomas & Sissy Goff April 28 | 6 PM

Save the date! David Thomas returns this spring with Sissy Goff for a special evening of insight and encouragement. With over 30 years of experience walking alongside children and families at Daystar Counseling Ministries, they bring practical wisdom, deep compassion, and real hope. Authors and hosts of the Raising Boys & Girls podcast, they'll also introduce their new book, *Capable*. Use --> Pre-sale code: CHURCH at [www.TPRLive.co](http://www.TPRLive.co) now through February 4 at 10 AM.

## Spring Reading Plan | The Gospel of Luke



As we move into February, we will examine a new form of Jesus' teachings... parables! It's interesting that Jesus, who had all the answers, would often teach through parables - they can be life giving, and they can also be mysterious. Straight answers from Jesus are hard to come by, and it seems as if Jesus enjoys making us search for the answers. We hope these readings are guiding you to encounter God each and every day. Scan the QR code to follow along!

**Today's Offertory Anthem**, *Blessed Are the Righteous*, was composed for the Canterbury Choir by Canterbury's own David Bloom during his final year at Indian Springs School. Since those early and auspicious beginnings, David has gone on to build a distinguished career as a conductor based in New York City. He currently directs the ensemble Contemporaneous, leading a wide range of innovative and pathbreaking musical programs, alongside many other musical endeavors. We celebrate David's continued success and give thanks for his enduring musical gifts.



# ASH WEDNESDAY



## FEBRUARY 18

Morning Drive Through  
7-8:30 AM *Chapel Lot*

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Noon Service  
12 PM *Chapel*

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Evening Blues Service  
6 PM *Canterbury Center*

*Dinner will be served prior to the Blues Service from 5-6 PM in Canterbury Hall.*