



HALFTIME ADJUSTMENTS

Sanctuary Worship
January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord 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 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

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. Please email Breana Stallings at breana.stallings@canterburyumc.org with any questions about the nursery.

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 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

Facebook

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

YouTube

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.

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.

CONTACT US

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Order of Worship

Voluntary	Three Pieces in E-Flat	César Franck
Welcome and Announcements		Dr. Bill Morgan
* Processional Hymn 57	O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing	AZMON
* 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	<i>The Peace of the Lord be with you, and also with you.</i>	
Children's Moment		Breana Stallings
Baptism	William Bankston Riser & William Rhodes Holsombeck	
	Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Our Lord has expressly given to little children a place among the people of God, which holy privilege must not be denied them. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how He said, <i>"Let the children come to Me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God."</i>	
<u>To the parents</u>		
	On behalf of the whole church, I ask you; Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people everywhere? We do.	
	Will you nurture William Bankston and William Rhodes in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? We will.	

To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these families now before you in your care?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that William Bankston and William Rhodes, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

The Baptism

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brothers into the body of Christ.

**Through baptism we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

Choral Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTTGART

Child of blessing, Child of promise baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Anthem

Filled with the Spirit's Power

Cyril V. Taylor

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today no less your power of fellowship display.
Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move, till we are known as Christ's,
and Christians prove.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Behold a Star From Jacob Shining (from Christus)

Felix Mendelssohn

Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising, to reign in glory over the nations. Like some bright morning star is he, the promise of the coming day, beyond the

night of sorrow. Break forth, O Light! We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving, hail the brightness of Thy rising.

*** Doxology**

**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.**

OLD 100TH

*** Hymn 568**

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

The Lesson

Acts 8: 26-40

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

Sermon

No "I" in Team

Rev. Keith Thompson

*** Closing Hymn 560**

Help Us Accept Each Other, vv. 1, 2, 4

AURELIA

*** Dismissal & Blessing**

*** Recessional Prayer**

Ted Clark, cantor

Postlude

Thanksgiving for the life of

Jim Caldwell (Lois Caldwell's husband).....January 4, 2026

Congratulations to

- Ann Lindsey & John Bissell, the proud parents of William Parks Bissell, born on December 7, 2025.
- Mary Russell & J.C. Sandel, the proud parents of Henry James Sandel, born on December 28, 2025.
- Elizabeth & Jamie Barton, the proud parents of Beau Trammell Barton, born on January 7, 2026.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are placed in loving memory of Violet and Click Brumback by the Naramore family.

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

WILLIAM BANKSTON RISER

March 4, 2025

Parents: Melissa & William Riser

Grandparents: Stephanie & Gordie Robinson, Emily & John Riser

Great Grandparents: Kitty Robinson, Shirley & Bob Teel

WILLIAM RHODES HOLSONBECK

March 19, 2025

Parents: Taylor & Brett Holsombeck

Siblings: Henry & Charlotte

Grandparents: Susan Holsombeck, Steve Holsombeck, Kathy Patterson

Happening at Canterbury

Kenya Mission | Summer 2026 (Applications Close January 15)

Join us for a life-giving mission journey to Kenya, June 22-July 4, partnering with Start With One Kenya to support education and clean water initiatives. Led by Rachel Estes, Hill Carmichael, and Meg Kerr, this adult trip is limited to 20 participants. Applications are open through January 15. To apply to serve and grow alongside our Kenyan partners, please visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/outreach/mission-trips

Winter Studies Are Underway...

And it's not too late to register! For Sessions 1 & 2 our pastors and staff are diving into topics from their favorite seminary classes. To register, visit: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Encore Volunteer Training | January 28

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of those living with dementia or memory loss, Encore would love for you to join the program as a volunteer. This is the most rewarding experience that you could ask for! It will be held from 2:30-5 PM on January 28. For questions or to sign up, email encorepatti@gmail.com.

Women's Dinner | January 29 | 6 PM

You're invited to an evening of food, fellowship, and inspiration at the UMW sponsored Women's Dinner on Thursday, January 29 at 6 PM. Enjoy a delicious meal and hear from Ashley McMakin, owner and founder of Ashley Mac's, as she shares her story of faith, family, and building a beloved local business. Tickets are \$25 per person. Come be encouraged and connect with women across our church community... we can't wait to see you there! Register now by scanning the QR code.

Spring Reading Plan | The Gospel of Luke

This Spring, our dream at Canterbury is simple and bold: to become people who look and live more like Jesus. We want to learn how to ENCOUNTER God daily and love our neighbors as Christ does. This new reading plan is designed to help us do just that. Each day includes a short scripture passage, a devotional reflection, discussion questions, and a spiritual practice to help us notice God at work. Through reading, practice, and conversation, our hope is that we grow together into a church transformed by daily

 encounters with God—for the sake of our lives and our community. For this week's plan and daily devotionals, please scan the QR code.

This reading plan can also be found by scanning the QR code or by visiting: www.canterburyumc.org/2026-reading-plan

NEXT STEPS | Begins February 1

This Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to connect with others. If you are interested in making Canterbury your church home, please join us on 2/1, 2/8 and 2/15 at 9:15 AM. To register, email becky.king@canterburyumc.org.



SERVE DAY RETURNS



01.25.26

Canterbury Serve Day

January 25 | 10:30 AM

After such an incredible experience last year, we can't wait to come together again to serve our neighbors and community. Make plans to



join us for this special Sunday of hands-on ministry, impact, and fellowship. Sign up for your project now by scanning the QR code or visiting: www.canterburyumc.org/outreach

Project List:

Books to Prisons Letter Writing
Bundles of Hope Diaper Project
Little Brown Bag Packing
Panama Bags
Prayer Shawls
Rise Against Hunger
Fellowship Lunch / FLIP Team
Sewing Love
Soup Preparation (At-Home Option)
Spring Cleaning Buckets
Valentine Cards
Valentine Love Baskets



**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
will be served from
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.**