



Canterbury
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sanctuary Worship
May 3, 2026

Thank you for joining us today!

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

Acolytes - Charlie Brandenburg & Evelyn Brandenburg

Welcome to Canterbury

We are so glad you chose to worship with us!

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.

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

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

Voluntary Cantabile Joseph Jongen

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Bill Morgan

* **Processional Hymn 545** The Church's One Foundation, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5 AURELIA

* **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 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life Harold Friedall

Come, my Way my Truth, my Life: such a way, as gives us breath, such a truth that ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love. (George Herbert, 17th c.)

* **Doxology** 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. Amen.

* **Gospel Processional 559** Christ is Made the Sure Foundation, v.1 WESTMINSTER ABBEY

* **The Lesson** John 14: 1-14
*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

* **Gospel Processional 559** Christ is Made the Sure Foundation, v. 4 WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Homily Rev. Keith Thompson

Celebrating Confirmation

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith (Confirmation Class)

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, Reject the evil powers of this world, And repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

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 of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I do.

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

The God of all grace, Who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
Establish you and strengthen you By the power of the Holy Spirit,
That you may live in grace and peace.

Baptism, Baptismal Remembrance and Confirmation

Reception Into Canterbury United Methodist Church

Commendation and Welcome

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 persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

The Great Thanksgiving

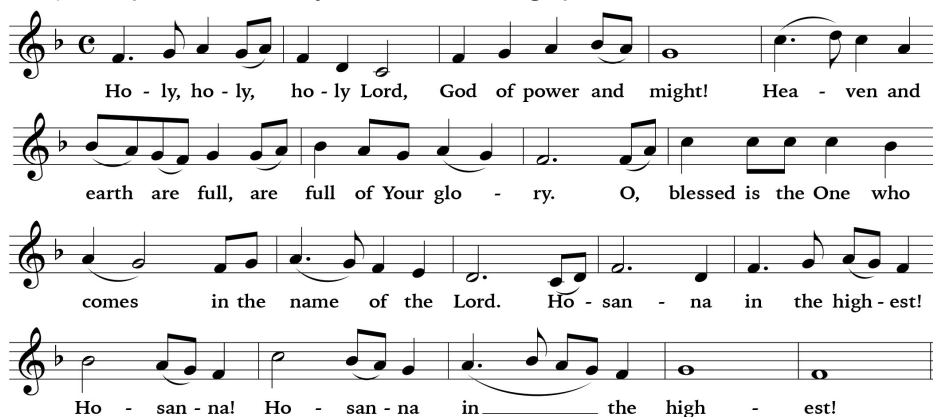
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might! Hea - ven and
earth are full, are full of Your glo - ry. O, blessed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain!

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

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



A - men! A - men! A - - - - men!

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together:

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.

Fraction Anthem

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

Rebecca Bolding, cantor

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

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Cup

Music During Communion

Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us

FOR THE BREAD

Christ, From Whom All Blessings Flow

CANTERBURY

Christian People, Raise Your Song

AVE VIRGO

*** Dismissal & Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Postlude**

2026 Confirmation Class

Keith Baker Arendall II

Thomas Clinton Hudson IV

Joseph Jacks Schilleci

John Whitton Blackmon

Sally Grace Hughes

Sarah Katherine Schilling

Beau McDowell Blair

Sara Kathryn Langley

Aliene Bidez Seymour

Campbell Traylor Brien

Mary Alston Marsh

Harry Parker Simon

Wilbert Thomas Brown

James Mahlon McElroy

Emmaline Louise Smith

John Fredrick Carter III

Charlotte Hennings Nader

Harper Grace Stewart

Ashby Elizabeth Caskey

Audrey Marie Paisley

Ann Elizabeth Thurston

Wynn Rose Douglas

Beice McKewen Paul

Robert Coleman Vardaman

Reed Turner Fava

Jacob Austin Ramage

Robert Lindbergh Waldrop

Hampton Rollins Ferguson

Peyton Enders Rowan

Margaret Hill Willings

Walker Hill Ferguson

Daniel William Samford Jr.

Communion Servers today are the Adult Leaders of the 2026 Confirmation Class.

Happening at Canterbury

Mom & Me Cupcake Challenge | Today | 2 PM

Join the fun at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. Bring your mom, grandmother, or a special adult friend and team to decorate based on our surprise theme. Get creative, add a little friendly competition, and enjoy plenty of frosting, sprinkles, and laughter!

UMW Spring Luncheon Meeting | May 4 | 10:30 AM

Join us tomorrow at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. We will welcome Stacy Smith, who will share about her upcoming commissioning as our church's missionary to Tanzania, where she will teach at Wesley College. We will also present the Anne Berte Award.

Wednesday Night Celebration | May 6 | 5-6:30 PM

Join us for a fun and relaxed end-of-year celebration! We'll kick things off with a BBQ dinner from 5-6 PM followed by a lighthearted wrap-up from 6-6:30 PM featuring a year-in-review, trivia, and a few fun giveaways. It's a great chance to reconnect, reflect, and celebrate all that we've shared this year!

Women's Serve Night | May 7 | 6 PM

ALL Canterbury Women! Join us as we host the girls of Grace House for a special "Girls Night Out" with dinner, crafts, and connection. Serve as a buddy, help with dinner or crafts, or float where needed. Come be part of this meaningful evening! Scan the QR code to register. This serve night is sponsored by the Encouragers' groups.



6th Grade Faith Milestone | May 17 | 9:15 AM

We are so excited to see you and your 6th grader on May 17 at 9:15 in the Youth Center. We will be learning about what it means to join the church through both Confirmation and the YAC experience! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Register for Youth Summer Activities

Make plans for an unforgettable summer with YAC!

- [Senior High Lake Trip](#) (June 5-7)

A fun-filled weekend at Lake Martin with time on the water, games, and meaningful connection. Open to students entering grades 10-12.

- [Junior High Adventure](#) (June 15-18)

Head to the Nantahala Outdoor Center in North Carolina for rafting, outdoor activities, and tons of fun. Open to students entering grades 7-9.

- [Magic City Work Week](#) (July 12-18)

A powerful week of service and community as we partner with Riverchase UMC to serve in West End, with daily mission work and worship. Open to students entering grades 7-12.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Vacation Bible School | July 20-23

This summer we are going to soar through the stars on an intergalactic adventure to discover all the wonderful ways of God! Join us for STARSTRUCK and learn about all of the amazing things God has done! Cost is free and is for rising 4K-3rd grade.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the altar are placed in honor of Mary Kathryn Rainer & Peyton Ryan Blocher who were united in holy matrimony on May 2, 2026.

Congratulations to

Julie Bucy & Len Everts, the proud parents of a baby boy, Elliot Bucy Everts, born on April 20, 2026.

Thanksgiving for the lives of

Jack Wilson (Susan Wilson's husband).....April 22, 2026

Sue Alford (Landon Stivender's mother).....April 27, 2026



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