



THE LIFE WE GIVE



Sanctuary Worship

October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

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

Children's Pastor - Rev. Eleanor Christiansen

Bishop in Residence - Dr. Mike Watson

Choirmaster and Organist - Dr. Lester Seigel

Crucifer - Charlie Bradenburg

Acolyte - 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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World Communion Sunday

We join Christians around the world on this World Communion Sunday sharing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Chalices used today are from around the world: Kenya, Bethlehem, and the 2012 General Conference of the UMC.

Voluntary O How Blessed You are, You Faithful Ones! and Deck Yourself, my Soul, with Gladness
Johannes Brahms

Introit Become to Us the Living Bread 17th c. German Chorale

Become to us the living bread by which the Christian life is fed, renewed, and greatly comforted. Alleluia!

May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board to praise your holy name,
O Lord: Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Hill Carmichael

* **Processional Hymn 158** Come, Christians, Join to Sing SPANISH HYMN

* **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 O Sacrum Convivium Francisco Carbonell

O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia.

* **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.

The Lesson

Romans 12: 1-8

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

Sermon

The Life We Give: A Life Transformed

Rev. Keith Thompson

The Great Thanksgiving

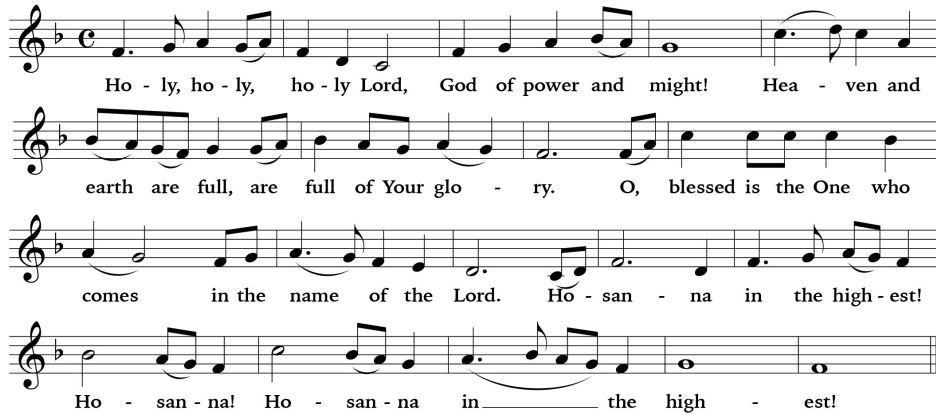
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.



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

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

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Cup

Music During Communion

O Taste and See
Joy Wood, solo

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blest is the one that trusteth in him.

Here, O My Lord

Eleanor Daley

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean. Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven; here would I lay aside each earthly load, and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven. 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.

*** Hymn 618**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Spiritual

*** Recognition of General Board of Global Ministries Mission Volunteer**

Stacy Smith

*** Dismissal & Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

From "A Blessing"

Martin Shaw

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost be upon you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Our Communion servers today are members of the Care Team for our Board of Global Ministries Mission Volunteer.

Happening at Canterbury

Combined Worship Next Sunday

October 11 | 10:30 AM | Sanctuary

Due to fall break, we will hold one combined service at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.
New Traditions will be held at 8:15 AM in the Chapel.

Soup Day | October 15 | 10 AM-7 PM

This year at Christmas Village, we'll be giving quarts of homemade soup to the families who come shop at the village....and we need YOUR help!

You can support this effort in three ways:

- 1) **DONATE** canned goods through our Amazon link. Items will be shipped directly to Canterbury.
- 2) **DROP OFF** canned items in the Chaos Storage Room located next to Rachel's office.

We need: canned corn, Rotel, Great Northern beans, Black beans, Kidney beans

- 3) **MAKE** the soup!

Scan the QR code to sign up for a shift on October 15!



Dad & Me Legion Soccer | October 18 | 4 PM

Join us for a special night out with your dad, grandpa, favorite uncle or another important guy! We'll cheer on the Legion as they take on Loudon FC during Fan Appreciation Night. \$20 per person. The first 22 kids to register will be Junior Captains and walk onto the field with the players during the national anthem!

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

RISE Connect Retreat | October 23-24

4th-6th grades! Join us for a 24-hour overnight retreat at Camp Sumatanga with friends from area UMCs!

We'll worship, hike, play, and hang out as we connect with one another and God. \$150. Deadline to register is October 10.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Favorites -- An Organ Recital by Lester Seigel

November 1 | 2:30 PM | Sanctuary

Join us for a special afternoon as our very own Lester Seigel presents Favorites -- An Organ Recital, featuring some of the most popular works by J.S. Bach, Franz Liszt, Johannes Brahms, and Charles-Marie Widor. All are welcome!

YAC Journey Retreat | November 20-22

Journey will be held November 20-22 at Shocco Springs in Talladega. This retreat is for all 7th-12th graders (friends are welcome!). It's an awesome weekend filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! All students are encouraged to join us for this incredible retreat! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Daily Bible Reading Plan | Genesis

This fall, we are journeying through the Book of Genesis together. Each Sunday evening, you will receive an email outlining the readings for the week. You can also follow along by visiting:

www.canterburyumc.org/2026-reading-plan

ASO: Concert Master & Friends at Canterbury

October 13 | 7:30 PM

Join us on October 13 for a chamber music concert celebrating America's 250th anniversary curated and led by the Alabama Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster Daniel Szasz. This program will feature Dvořák's "American" String Quartet and works by John Williams, Alan Hovhaness, Mark O'Connor, and others. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased through the Alabama Symphony Orchestra's website. Tickets: alabamasymphony.org/concert



This month, we invite you to prayerfully consider what your time, talents, and financial commitment will be for Canterbury's ministries in 2027.

The Life We Give reminds us that generosity is about more than what we give... it's about the life we help make possible through God's work in our church, our community, and our world.

As we look toward the year ahead, please consider how God is calling you to give. We also invite you to consider a 5% increase in your pledge, helping Canterbury continue to grow the Kingdom of God, right here, right now.

Please plan to join us for a great day of worship on **Commitment Sunday, October 18.**

Together, we will make our commitments as a church and will look with hope to where God is leading Canterbury in the coming year.

When you make your prayerful decision, please bring your pledge card to offer on October 18. You may also return a pledge card to the Finance Office, enter your financial commitment by scanning the QR code below or online by visiting:

www.canterburyumc.org/giving

Thank you for supporting Canterbury and its mission through your faith and generosity. Because of your commitment and love, we can continue to give life to the ministries that make Canterbury a place of Real Grace. Real Love. Real Life.



Vacation Bible School | 2026

Consider the **5%** challenge!

- If your pledge is \$100
consider making a pledge of \$105.
- If your pledge is \$1,000
consider making a pledge of \$1,050.
- If your pledge is \$5,000
consider making a pledge of \$5,250.
- If your pledge is \$10,000
consider making a pledge of \$10,500.
- If your pledge is \$20,000
consider making a pledge of \$21,000.

Consider increasing your pledge by 5%.
It could make a big difference!

