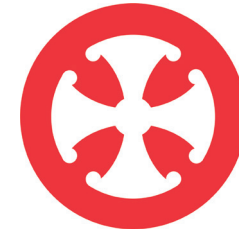




Thank you for joining us today!



**START WITH
WHY**

Contemporary Worship

AUGUST 20, 2023



THANK YOU FOR VISITING CANTERBURY!

We are so glad you are here, and we would love to connect with you. Let us know you are here by scanning this QR code or by visiting: www.canterburyumc.org/guests
We look forward to connecting with you!

Senior Pastor - Rev. Keith Thompson
Pastor - Rev. Hill Carmichael
Pastor - Rev. Tori Hastings
Pastor - Dr. Bill Morgan
Pastor - Rev. Sheryl Thornton
Pastor - Rev. Sam Williamson
Pastor - Rev. Matthew Montgomery
Children's Pastor - Rev. Ruth Grissom
Youth Pastor - Rev. Seth Moon
High School Pastor - Rev. Gann Waters - Wright
Bishop in Residence - Dr. Mike Watson
Director of Contemporary Music - Natalie Moon



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.

Fall Adult Studies & Small Groups

Studies and small groups are starting soon! It is not too late to register.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

• Fall Session One •

Joshua

Led by Lisa Donnell and John Hutchinson
Begins 8/23
6-7 pm, Room M228 (Ongoing)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study-Exodus

Led by Keith Thompson
Begins 8/23
6-7 pm, Room M209, Wesley Hall (Ongoing)

Parenting: Getting it Right

Led by Natalie Moon
Begins 8/23
6-7 pm, Small Dining Room

The Letters of Paul: Conversations in Context

Led by Paul McCracken
Begins 8/23
6-7 pm, Room M226, Foundations Classroom

Participatory Devotional Study

Led by Mike Watson
Begins 8/23
6-7 pm, Room M208, Covenant Classroom

Register today!

Jump in to an adult small group or Wednesday evening study. Session One begins this week on August 23! For a full listing of options and to register, please scan the QR code or you may visit: www.canterburyumc.org/adultbiblestudy

SMALL GROUPS

Grief Care

This group serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. For six weeks, we will listen, share, and gain important tools in navigating our unique grief experiences. Two sessions are being offered:
• Wednesdays, 8/30-10/4
 Led by Hill Carmichael | 12:00pm, Room M200
• Wednesdays, 10/11-11/15
 Led by Sheryl Thornton | 12:00pm, Room M200

Book Club

Wednesday, 9/11
Tattoos on the Heart, by Father Greg Boyle
11:30 am-12:30 pm, Room M226

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Tuesdays, 9/12-10/31
Led by the Pastors
-Morning class from 9-11 am, JOY Classroom
-Evening class from 6-8 pm, Covenant Classroom

Emotionally Healthy Relationships

Tuesdays, 9/12-10/31
Led by Annie Skinner
-Morning class from 9-11 am, Room M140
-Evening class from 6-8 pm, Small Dining Room



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORSHIP IS AN AWARENESS AND EXPRESSION OF GOD'S PRESENCE LIVED OUT MOMENT BY MOMENT

We Gather In God's Presence

All About You

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

King

A Thousand Hallelujahs

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Steady Light

We Listen For God's Voice

John 1: 1-5

Why Jesus

Everlasting Light

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Happening at Canterbury

YAC Kickoff | This Evening | 5-6:30 PM

Students! Let's get the fall semester started off right! Join us for indoor inflatables, fun food, awesome YAC-merch, and a prize giveaway! We'll also have a lesson, and you'll get to meet your small group leaders for the year. All 7th-12th graders are invited (including friends!). See you TONIGHT at 5 PM!

RISE Ministry 5th & 6th grade Parent's Meeting | This Evening | 5-6 PM

There will be a meeting tonight from 5-6 PM in Wesley Hall for the parents of our 5th and 6th graders. At this meeting, you will get a chance to meet your child's Sunday school teachers, to learn what your child will be learning in Sunday school, to see what activities are offered for your child, and learn how to help your child grow in their faith and relationship with God this year. Questions? Contact Davis at davis.kinchler@canterburyumc.org.

Legacy Luncheon | August 22 | 12 Noon

Join us as we welcome our wonderful volunteers of Canterbury's heartfelt ministry, Books to Prisons. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes of this ministry and so many lives touched by the kindness of others. Our volunteers will share their stories with us. Enjoy a fabulous lunch by Debbie (\$5) and of course sharing good times with friends.

Encore Volunteer Training | August 28 | 9 AM-12 Noon

For new and seasoned volunteers, Encore will hold a Volunteer Training and Refresher Course on Monday, August 28th from 9-12 in the Encore Room at Canterbury (2nd floor). Light breakfast munchies and coffee will be served. Please email Patti Williams by August 21 at encorepatti@gmail.com to RSVP.

"Love Again Toys" Collection | Now through September 10

Love Again Toys is currently accepting gently used children's toys, clothes, books, and riding toys (such as bikes, scooters, and helmets); additionally, they are accepting gently used books and clothes for teens. Love Again Toys is partnering with other nonprofit organizations in central Alabama, specifically in Wilcox and Lowndes counties. In Birmingham, they will collect the toys and deliver them to sister charities. All donations are tax deductible and can be dropped off at Canterbury in the Chapel parking lot. You will find the lock code as well tax donation forms at the collection truck in the Chapel parking lot. Please join us and help make this first year of Love Again Toys a success! Questions? Contact Ashlee McQueen at ashleemcqueen@gmail.com.

Third Grade Bible Presentation | September 17 | 10:30 AM

It is a tradition at Canterbury to give a personalized Bible to our third graders each year. If you are a member of Canterbury or consider Canterbury your church home, we want to make sure that we have a Bible for your child. Bibles will be presented to the children in the Sanctuary on September 17 at 10:30 AM. To reserve a Bible for your child, please visit www.canterburyumc.org/childrensevents.

Sign Up for the Weekly Outreach Email Update

Want to know what's going on (in detail) with Canterbury Outreach? Want to get a current list of service opportunities that are full of outreach EXCITEMENT and easy YESes? If so, sign up by emailing Rachel Estes at rachel.estes@canterburyumc.org.

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. 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 sights, sounds, and interactions of worship are appropriate for every age. Worship Activity bags, Sensory bags and other resources are available as you enter. If you have a child with sensory challenges who might need a break from worship, we have a Sensory Room located on the 2nd floor of the Children's Building that is staffed with knowledgeable caregivers. Excellent nursery care is 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.

Watch Online We understand the challenges you face and we strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us. Our Sanctuary and Contemporary Worship services are available on our website.

Things to Know:

- Make sure your children get a worship activity pack on the wall in Canterbury Center.
- The Children's Comfort Room is in the back hallway.

NEXT STEPS

If you are new to Canterbury, this is a great class for those who want to learn more about our church. Held on Sunday mornings, it provides an overview of what makes Canterbury thrive. You can find out more about the church, ask questions, and make personal connections. Sundays, 9:15-10:15 AM in the Dining Room. For questions or to sign up for the next session, please contact Matthew Montgomery at matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org.

MEET WITH 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, and anything else you want to talk about. Contact Matthew Montgomery at matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org or 205-868-6588, to set that up.

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