



Contemporary Worship
February 1, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Epiphany



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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/attendance

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. Matthew Montgomery

Pastor - Dr. Rick Owen

Youth 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.

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. Excellent nursery care is available to children through 4 years.

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

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

Website:

www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC

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 Becky King at becky.king@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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

We Gather In God's Presence

Glorious Day

Welcome & Greeting

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Made For More

Holy Song

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Fresh Wind

We Listen For God's Voice

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Smile for the Camera

We Gather Around God's Table

Holy Communion

Blessed Assurance

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Thanksgiving for the life of

Janice Windham.....January 17, 2026

Congratulations to

Evan and Morgan Massey, the proud parents of a baby boy, Ford Merrell Massey, born on January 15, 2026.

Barton and Scott Styslinger, the 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.

New Learning Opportunity!

Begins February 12 | 11:30 AM

Join us for a meaningful series of Thursday daytime 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

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

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 now through February 4 at 10 AM.

ON SALE: Wednesday, February 4th @ 10am local

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!

This reading plan can also be found by scanning the QR code or by visiting:

www.canterburyumc.org/2026-reading-plan

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.



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