



*be  
like  
jesus*



*contemporary worship  
february 22, 2026  
first sunday in lent*



## 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](http://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

# REAL

## 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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online)

### **YouTube:**

[www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org) or 205-868-6588, to set that up.

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## **CONTACT US:**

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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***

#### ***Rest on Us***

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

### ***We Prepare Our Hearts With Song***

#### ***New Creations***

#### ***Run to the Father***

### ***We Respond To God***

God's People Pray

God's People Give

#### ***Tend***

### ***We Listen For God's Voice***

Luke 4: 1-13

Temptation, Identity, and Trust

#### ***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

### ***We Go To Live Like Jesus***

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

**SERMON NOTES:**

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**Thanksgiving for the lives of**

- Meredith Jean (Susie Gaston’s mother) .....February 14, 2026
- Ry Ogilvie (Major Ogilvie’s brother) .....February 14, 2026

**YAC GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP MAY 2026**  
**Enjoy a cup of coffee... and help TODAY!**  
A team of students are headed to Guatemala this summer to work with a Methodist organization. This group will include some of the YAC staff, Rachel Estes, and Allen Kilgore. You can help support the trip THIS MORNING by enjoying a complimentary and delicious hot cup of SANTOS coffee and making a donation. Look for tables outside of all of our worship spaces!

# happening at canterbury

## Men's Breakfast | February 26 | 6:30 AM

Join us for breakfast on Thursday in Canterbury Hall. Our very own Bishop Mike Watson will be sharing words of inspiration as we journey together through the Lenten season. \$15.

Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry](http://www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry)

## Discovery Weekend | March 13-15

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! Deadline to sign up is March 9.

Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth)

## Discovery Prayer Partners Needed



Discovery Weekend will be here soon and there are ways for you to help support it! One way is to become a Prayer Partner. For more info and to sign up, scan the QR code. Questions?

Email Eleanor at [eleanor.kerr@canterburyumc.org](mailto:eleanor.kerr@canterburyumc.org).

## Blessing of the Animals | March 15 | 3 PM

Bring your beloved (and maybe slightly spoiled) pets and join us for our Blessing of the Animals! We'll gather in the Chapel Lot to celebrate the furry, feathered, and scaly friends who fill our lives with joy and unconditional love. All pets must be on leashes or secured in a carrier. This is a KidsMin event and perfect for all Canterburians!

## UMW Annual Fern Sale



This fundraiser is underway and allows UMW to support mission and outreach projects in our community.

There are three great selections to choose from – Boston, Kimberly Queen

and Macho. Each fern is \$25. Place your order online now by scanning the QR code. Pick up will be Saturday, April 11 from 8 AM-12 Noon.

## Women's Serve Night | March 17 | 6 PM



Come have dinner with us on St. Patrick's Day at 6 PM and serve together! ALL women are invited to this special night, sponsored by the Encouragers Women's Groups. (Nursery Provided)

We'll share a meal and serve together in support of Grace House Ministries and Erwin Middle School. We will pack pajama and hygiene kits for the girls and snack bags for Erwin Middle. To RSVP FOR THE DINNER and donate funds for the needed items, scan the QR code.

## Speakers David Thomas & Sissy Goff April 28 | 6 PM

David Thomas returns to Canterbury this spring along 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*. For tickets, scan the QR code or visit: [www.TPRLive.co](http://www.TPRLive.co).

This is a must-attend event for all parents!

**CAPABLE**  
THE BOOK TOUR

featuring **SISSY GOFF**  
and **DAVID THOMAS**  
THE CREATORS OF **Raising Boys & Girls**

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# *holy week services*

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## **Palm Sunday | March 29**

- 8:15 AM | New Traditions
- 10:30 AM | Sanctuary Worship
- 10:30 AM | Contemporary Worship

Come worship with us as we wave palms in every service and step into this sacred week together.

## **Noon Services | March 30, 31 & April 1**

- 12 PM | Chapel

Join us at 12 Noon Monday through Wednesday in the Chapel for a time of reflection and worship. Each day will feature a different guest speaker.

## **Holy Week Seder Meal | April 1**

- 5 PM | Canterbury Hall

Join us for a meaningful evening around the table for a special Seder meal - an ancient celebration Jesus shared with his disciples. Through foods, scripture, and storytelling, we'll explore the roots of the Last Supper and deepen our understanding of the journey toward Easter.

## **Maundy Thursday | April 2**

- 12 PM | Chapel

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper and you are invited to join us at Noon to partake in this special time of remembrance.

## **Good Friday | April 3**

- 12 PM | Canterbury Center
- 6 PM | Chapel

On Good Friday, we remember the day that Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Two services will be held - a service of darkness led by our Contemporary Worship team at 12 PM in Canterbury Center, and a traditional Good Friday service in the Chapel at 6 PM.

# *easter flower orders*

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**New this year... online order option!** Help beautify our worship spaces on Easter Sunday by placing a flower in memory of or in honor of a special friend or loved one. You may place your order online by scanning the QR code - order forms are also available at the round desk in the welcome area. If you have questions, please email Brittany Smith at [brittany.smith@canterburyumc.org](mailto:brittany.smith@canterburyumc.org). *The deadline to order is March 23!*



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