



EMBARK



Contemporary Worship

February 23, 2025



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. Sheryl Thornton

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

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

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

New Creations

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Choir

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Bless God

Gratitude (Live)

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Light Of The World

We Listen For God's Voice

Deuteronomy 6: 10-12

Embark...Beyond the Horizon: The Long Work of God

King

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Congratulations to

Lauren & Reese Goode, on the birth of their son, Bruce Truett Goode, born on February 11, 2025.

Thanksgiving for the lives of

Cory Jackson (Neal Jackson’s father).....February 17, 2025

Virginia Van Horn (Annette Dean’s sister).....December 1, 2024



Farewell Reception
Honoring
Rev. Sheryl Thornton

Sunday, March 2 | 11:30 AM
Canterbury Parlor



Rev. Sheryl Thornton is retiring from Canterbury after 17 years of beautiful and dedicated service. You are invited to join us for a very special reception to wish Sheryl well on Sunday, March 2. It will be held in the Parlor from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. If you’d like to express your gratitude to Sheryl, you may make a Love Offering in her honor. Please send your check to the Finance Office noting ‘Love Offering – Sheryl Thornton ’ in the memo line. Thank you for your love and support.

Happening at Canterbury

Sunday Morning Bus Drivers Needed for Brookdale

Additional bus drivers are needed to pick up residents from Brookdale Senior Living and bring them to Sunday School. The ladies are so much fun, and they appreciate the service SO MUCH! Driver shifts entail being at the church to get the bus at 8:30 AM on your assigned Sunday. (Shifts are approximately once every quarter.) Return the ladies to Brookdale at 10:15 AM. If interested, first email Jennifer Dunn (jennifer.dunn@canterburyumc.org) to be added to our driver's insurance, then email Caroline Bundy (carolinebundy@gmail.com) to sign up!

Legacy Luncheon | February 25 | 12 Noon

Join us to welcome Dr. Rick Owen as he talks about Canterbury's recent musical field trip of Living the Blues. Music is more than music. It is community, it is a feeling, it is a part of our soul. Join us as we discover how this music has the power to unite us all! Reserve your lunch (\$5) by emailing Valerie Boyd at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Charge Conference | March 10 | 6:30 PM

Please note that the Church Council meeting on March 10 will also serve as a Charge Conference for the purpose of supporting Eleanor Christiansen's call to pursue licensed and ordained ministry through candidacy in the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. The meeting will be held in Wesley Hall at 6:30 PM.

Discovery Weekend | March 14-16

Register now! It's a special spring YAC weekend held here at the church for our junior high students that is put on by our senior high students. There will be a price increase on February 20! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#events

UMW Fern Sale | Now through March 30

The annual fern sale is now underway! There are three selections to choose from each at \$20. Place your order online: www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women

TAYA in Concert | April 24 | Canterbury Center

We're excited to welcome TAYA, a world-renowned Christian recording artist, on Thursday, April 24 to Canterbury Center. The world first heard her voice in Hillsong United's 'Oceans' and 'Touch the Sky' and from that moment, her voice became an unmistakable call to worship across the world. To purchase tickets: www.canterburyumc.org/taya

Kids Summer Dates 2025

Summer will be here soon! We have all of our camps and summer events on the website. So, take a look and mark your calendars for everything we have in store for your kids this summer at Canterbury! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children



ash wednesday | march 5

MORNING ASHES

7-8:30 AM | Chapel

DRIVE THROUGH on your morning commute or after carpool drop off to receive your ashes and a special blessing from one of our pastors.

NOON BLUES SERVICE

12 PM | Chapel

New this season! This very unique service will combine the solemnity and reflection of Ash Wednesday with the soulful and contemplative tones of blues music.

EVENING SERVICE OF ASHES

6 PM | Sanctuary

Join us as we mark the beginning of the Lenten season with this traditional evening service that promises to be both spiritually enriching and musically inspiring.

Dinner will be served on Wednesday, March 5 from 5-6 PM in Canterbury Hall.





Thank you for joining us today!