



EMBARK



Contemporary Worship

February 9, 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

These Are The Days

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Glorious Day

Gratitude (Live)

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Hold Onto Me

We Listen For God's Voice

Jeremiah 29: 10-14

Embark... How Do You Leave The Dock?

Good Plans

We Welcome God's People

Joining of New Members

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:



Farewell Reception
Honoring
Rev. Sheryl Thornton
Sunday, March 2 | 11:30 AM
Canterbury Parlor



The banner features a decorative background with pink and light blue hydrangea flowers on the left side. The text is centered and includes the event title, the honoree's name in a mix of serif and script fonts, the date and time, and the location. On the right side, there is a circular portrait of Rev. Sheryl Thornton, a woman with blonde hair wearing a dark turtleneck sweater, smiling.

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

Today is United Methodist Women Recognition Sunday

Canterbury's United Methodist Women (UMW) includes women of all ages who are actively involved in faith driven, hands on service; who enjoy regular fellowship; and who champion the improvement of the lives of women, youth and children. For more information, please see UMW members located outside of worship today or visit: www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women

Interest Meeting Wesley Heritage Tour (London) | Today | 11:30 AM

If you are interested in joining this trip to England June 4-12, please attend this meeting TODAY for more info and details. If you have already signed up and have questions, this is a great opportunity to get your answers! It will be held in the Dining Room today immediately following this 10:30 AM worship service.

Costa Rican Missionaries Lunch | February 12 | 11:30 AM

Join us to hear from Karlos and Karla Molinas, missionaries with Voz de Libertad, a prison ministry in San Jose, Costa Rica. Their work supports 3 groups of people: inmates, families of inmates and victims- this 3 prong approach has helped the community heal and helped prevent recidivism. Come hear them share about their work and learn how you can be a part of the upcoming mission trip to CR April 24-29.

RSVP to jennifer.dunn@canterburyumc.org by today, Sunday, February 9.

Combined Worship | February 16 | 10:30 AM

REMINDER! For the long President's Day holiday next weekend, we will hold New Traditions at 8:15 AM in the Chapel and one combined worship service at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

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.

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. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#events

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!