


REAL **GRACE**
LOVE 
LIFE

Contemporary Worship

FEBRUARY 11, 2024



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/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. Sam Williamson

Pastor - Rev. Matthew Montgomery

Children's Pastor - Rev. Ruth Grissom

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 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 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.

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

Child Of Love

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Bigger Table

A Thousand Hallelujahs

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Mercy

We Listen For God's Voice

Genesis 37: 23-28; 45: 9-15

Faith At Work: The Office-Loving Difficult People

Good Grace

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Happening at Canterbury

Hiking with Hill Carmichael | February 18 | 1-3 PM

For three Sundays in Lent, you are invited to join Hill and other great Canterbury folks for a relaxing afternoon hike. (2/18, 3/3, 3/17) Red Mountain Park. 15 and older may attend without a parent, 14 and younger will need to be accompanied by a parent. Please register at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

New Spring Studies | Begin February 21

The next round of Wednesday night studies will begin on February 21 and include Lenten offerings.

- The First Holy Week, Paul McCracken
- History & Faith in the Middle East, Tori Hastings
- Lenten Scripture Study, Natalie Moon & Matthew Montgomery
- Judges, Lisa Donnell
- Wednesday Bible Study, Keith Thompson

Please register at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Created by God | February 22 Parents & February 24 Students

This workshop brings together 5th and 6th graders, their parents, and adult leaders for a faith-filled, comprehensive study of human sexuality, anatomy, growth and development, reproduction, and God's call to intimacy and responsibility. (\$60.00 per student)

- Thursday, February 22 | 6:30-8:00 PM Parents & Leaders
- Saturday, February 24 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Students & Leaders

Please register at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Sozo Children's Choir Returns | February 27 | 12 Noon

This talented group of children travel from Uganda to America touring the states while leading worship at churches and schools. Come experience Ugandan singing and dancing with African instruments and powerful worship. The choir will perform at the February Legacy Luncheon at 12 Noon in Canterbury Hall. Lunch is \$5, performance is free. To reserve a lunch, RSVP by February 21 to Valerie at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

New Young Adult Couples Sunday School Class | Begins March 3

If you are a couple in your 20's or early 30's and are wanting to find meaningful and life-giving community, we have a class for you! The class is going to start on March 3 in Room 305. If you want to join the class or have questions, please reach out to matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org.

Discovery Weekend | March 15-17

Registration is NOW OPEN! Discovery Weekend is our YAC spring retreat for all 7th-12th grade students. This weekend is designed for our junior high students, where our senior high students (grades 10-12) take on leadership roles during the whole weekend. It all takes place here at the church. Your student is not going to want to miss this weekend! Register your student at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Upcoming Events



Ash Wednesday | February 14

- Drive through Ashes – 12:00-1:00 PM
A pastor will greet you with ashes by your car under the porte-cochere drive through at the main entrance near the Welcome Center.
- Service of Ashes – 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
Join us as we mark the beginning of Lent with this beautiful service that serves as a solemn reminder of our human mortality and our need for reconciliation with God and others.



Faith Pilgrimage | October 2024

Join Rev. Tori Hastings on a 10-night Mediterranean cruise, Journeys of Paul, October 8-20. Stops will include Cairo, Turkey, Santorini, Greece and more. For a full itinerary and more details, please visit www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages

INFO SESSION:

Monday, February 12 at 6 PM in Wesley Hall



February 25 & 26
Canterbury Hall

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations. Each year, Canterbury partners with Rise Against Hunger to pack thousands of meals. In 2023, we reached our goal by packing 150,000 meals. **In February, we plan to pack 200,000 meals** - bringing the total meals packed at Canterbury since beginning this program to 4 million meals!

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve with your Sunday school class, small group, or even your neighbors and friends. Many hands and hearts are needed, so register for a shift today! Click the QR code below or visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/rise-against-hunger





Thank you for joining us today!