



HALFTIME ADJUSTMENTS

Contemporary Worship
January 11, 2026



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

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

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

Goodbye Yesterday

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Holy Water

Build My Life

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

New Creations

We Listen For God's Voice

Acts 8: 26-40

No "I" in Team

Remember Your Baptism

Tend

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Thanksgiving for the life of

Jim Caldwell (Lois Caldwell’s husband).....January 4, 2026

Congratulations to

Ann Lindsey and John Bissell, the proud parents of a baby boy, William Parks Bissell, born on December 7, 2026.

Mary Russell and J.C. Sandel, the proud parents of a baby boy, Henry James Sandel, born on December 28, 2025.

Elizabeth and Jamie Barton, the proud parents of a baby boy, Beau Trammell Barton, born on January 7, 2026.

Happening at Canterbury

Kenya Mission | Summer 2026 (Applications Close January 15)

Join us for a life-giving mission journey to Kenya, June 22-July 4, partnering with Start With One Kenya to support education and clean water initiatives. Led by Rachel Estes, Hill Carmichael, and Meg Kerr, this adult trip is limited to 20 participants. Applications are open through January 15. To apply to serve and grow alongside our Kenyan partners, please visit:
www.canterburyumc.org/outreach/mission-trips

Winter Studies Are Underway...

And it's not too late to register! For Sessions 1 & 2 our pastors and staff are diving into topics from their favorite seminary classes. To register, visit:
www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Encore Volunteer Training | January 28

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of those living with dementia or memory loss, Encore would love for you to join the program as a volunteer. This is the most rewarding experience that you could ask for! It will be help from 2:30-5 PM on January 28. For questions or to sign up, email encorepatti@gmail.com.

Women's Dinner | January 29 | 6 PM

You're invited to an evening of food, fellowship, and inspiration at the UMW sponsored Women's Dinner on Thursday, January 29 at 6 PM. Enjoy a delicious meal and hear from Ashley McMakin, owner and founder of Ashley Mac's, as she shares her story of faith, family, and building a beloved local business. Tickets are \$25 per person. Come be encouraged and connect with women across our church community... we can't wait to see you there! Register now by scanning the QR code.

Spring Reading Plan | The Gospel of Luke

This Spring, our dream at Canterbury is simple and bold: to become people who look and live more like Jesus. We want to learn how to ENCOUNTER God daily and love our neighbors as Christ does. This new reading plan is designed to help us do just that. Each day includes a short scripture passage, a devotional reflection, discussion questions, and a spiritual practice to help us notice God at work. Through reading, practice, and conversation, our hope is that we grow together into a church transformed by daily



encounters with God—for the sake of our lives and our community. For this week's plan and daily devotionals, please scan the QR code.

This reading plan can also be found by scanning the QR code or by visiting:
www.canterburyumc.org/2026-reading-plan

NEXT STEPS | Begins February 1

This Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to connect with others. If you are interested in making Canterbury your church home, please join us on 2/1, 2/8 and 2/15 at 9:15 AM. To register, email becky.king@canterburyumc.org.



SERVE DAY RETURNS 01.25.26

Canterbury Serve Day

January 25 | 10:30 AM

After such an incredible experience last year, we can't wait to come together again to serve our neighbors and community. Make plans to



join us for this special Sunday of hands-on ministry, impact, and fellowship. Sign up for your project now by

scanning the QR code or visiting: www.canterburyumc.org/outreach

Project List:

- Books to Prisons Letter Writing
- Bundles of Hope Diaper Project
- Little Brown Bag Packing
- Panama Bags
- Prayer Shawls
- Rise Against Hunger
- Fellowship Lunch / FLIP Team
- Sewing Love
- Soup Preparation (At-Home Option)
- Spring Cleaning Buckets
- Valentine Cards
- Valentine Love Baskets



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
will be served from
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.



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