



Hey Siri...



**Contemporary Worship**

January 12, 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](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. 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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online)

### **Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch)

### **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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**[canterburyumc.org](http://canterburyumc.org)**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WORSHIP IS AN AWARENESS AND EXPRESSION OF GOD'S PRESENCE LIVED OUT MOMENT BY MOMENT

### **We Gather In God's Presence**

#### ***Holy Water***

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

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

#### ***You Are Life***

#### ***Made For More***

### **We Respond To God**

God's People Pray

God's People Give

#### ***Be Okay***

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

Romans 8: 26-28

Hey Siri...Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?

#### ***Holy Song***

### **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**

Sanford Parsons Bishop (Linda Pilkerton's father)—January 4, 2025

Harry Littleton (Kay Littleton's husband, Julie Smith, Michael Littleton,  
& Kate Gillespie's father)—January 8, 2025

## Happening at Canterbury

### **Men's Breakfast | January 16 | 6:30 AM**

All men are invited to the next breakfast that will be held on Thursday, January 16. We'll enjoy breakfast and fellowship, and will discuss upcoming events. So, if you are interested in being a part of a Life Group, signing up for Men's Retreat, or being a part of any of the upcoming ministries for men, don't miss this breakfast! Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast](http://www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast)

### **Legacy Luncheon | January 28 | 12 Noon**

Make plans to join us in January for a special time with Encore volunteer Warren Lightfoot. Besides being a founding partner of one of Alabama's most well-known law firms, Warren is also a nationally known sculptor – some of his work is featured in the United States Capitol Rotunda. Join us for lunch and fellowship as we enjoy his amazing story and see some of his beautiful sculptures. RSVP to: [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org)

### **Support Groups**

#### **Grief Support | Begins January 22 | 12 Noon**

When we lose someone we love, we embark on a journey not of our choosing, but it is a vital and sacred journey. This group serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. (6 weeks) Led by Hill Carmichael. To register, visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

#### **Divorce Support | Begins January 27 | 6 PM**

The Divorce Journey: Past, Present, and Future - Going through a divorce holds such a wide range of feelings, decisions, and reassessments of life goals. This is an encouraging community where participants are guided along their unique journeys and beyond. Sessions include space for teaching, reflection, and fellowship. (8 weeks) Led by Rev. Leslie Etheredge. To register, visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

### **KIDS@CANTERBURY:**

#### **Peace & Justice Day | January 20**

RISE kids (4th-6th grades) will join other UMC kids from around the Birmingham area on MLK Day for a fun filled day full of history including a scavenger hunt in the Civil Rights Institute. For full details and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

#### **Kids@Canterbury | Summer Dates 2025**

Summer will be here soon! We now 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! Visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

### **YOUTH@CANTERBURY:**

#### **Discovery Weekend | Registration Opens February 3**

Get ready for the best retreat of the Spring! Discovery Weekend is March 14-16, and it's a retreat for all 7th-12th graders! Discovery Weekend is a weekend for our junior high students that is put on by our senior high students. It is a retreat here at the church that will be the best weekend of your life! Registration will open on Monday, February 3 at 7 AM on the church website.



# Women's Dinner Event January 30 with special guest *Sophie Hudson*

## Calling all generations...

All ages are invited to join us for an intergenerational dinner event featuring author and popular speaker Sophie Hudson. Join us on Thursday evening, January 30, at 6 PM to enjoy a fun night of stories and learn ways to find encouragement and hope in the everyday, joy-filled moments of life. For more on Sophie, please visit: [www.boomama.net](http://www.boomama.net)

Tickets are \$25.  
Scan the QR code  
to register.

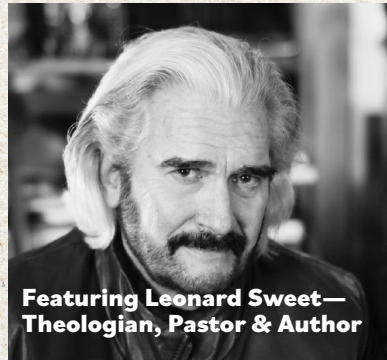


*See you there!*

## MEN'S RETREAT NEW LOCATION



**SMOKE & FIRE**  
• WINTER RETREAT •  
JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1  
@ CANTERBURY UMC



**Featuring Leonard Sweet—  
Theologian, Pastor & Author**

For more information  
and to register,





*Thank you for joining us today!*