



Hey Siri...



**Contemporary Worship**

January 26, 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**

#### ***Over And Over***

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

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

#### ***Stand In Your Love***

#### ***King***

### **We Respond To God**

God's People Pray

God's People Give

#### ***Never Gonna Let Go***

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

John 14: 1-4, 18-19, 25-27

Hey Siri...Heaven?

#### ***Build My Life***

### **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 life of**

Jerry Robertson (Mark Robertson’s father).....January 20, 2025

**Farewell Reception & Love Offering**

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

## **WE NEED SOUP!**

It requires over 8 gallons of Santa Fe soup to serve at Church of the Reconciler on Thursdays each week. Can you make a double/triple batch and help fill the freezer at Canterbury? If so, please freeze flat and deliver to the church. Thank you for helping to keep our neighbors warm and fed.

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

Join us this week 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: [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org)

## **Encore Volunteer Training | February 3 | 9 AM-12 Noon**

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! The next training session for current and new volunteers will be held on Monday, February 3 from 9 AM-12 Noon in the Encore Room (Dining Room). For questions or to sign up, please email Patti Williams at [encorepatti@gmail.com](mailto:encorepatti@gmail.com).

## **Discovery Weekend Registration | 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.

## **Interest Meeting Wesley Heritage Tour (London) | February 9 | 11:30 AM**

If you are interested in joining this trip to England June 4-12, please attend this upcoming meeting for more trip info and details. If you have already signed up and have questions, this is a great opportunity to get your answers! The meeting will be held on 2/9 in the Dining Room immediately following 10:30 AM worship. For trip details: [www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages](http://www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages)

## **2nd grade Faith Milestone | February 9 | 9:15 AM**

Faith Milestones are a chance for the church to celebrate exactly who your child is right now and connect that to important parts of our faith practices here at church. It is a great opportunity for you to have guided faith conversations with your kiddo and get to know some of the other families who are doing life with you here at Canterbury! We are so excited to see you and your 2nd grader on February 9 at 9:15 AM where we will be learning about communion. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

## **Kids@Canterbury | 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! Visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

## Special Events



# 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.



**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS TODAY!**



Scan the QR code  
to register.

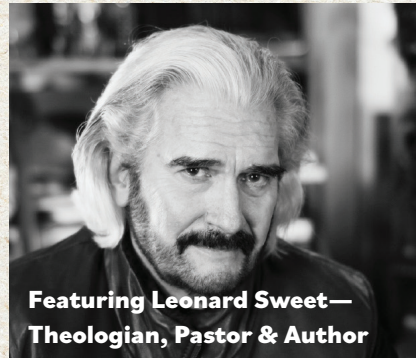
## MEN'S RETREAT NEW LOCATION



# SMOKE & FIRE

• WINTER RETREAT •

**JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1**  
**@ CANTERBURY UMC**



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

For more information  
and to register,  
scan here



**ALSO!** Dr. Leonard Sweet will teach a combined Sunday School Class on Sunday, February 2 in Canterbury Hall – and he will preach here in the Contemporary service at 10:30 AM. Don't miss this chance to be inspired and encouraged.



*Thank you for joining us today!*