

SHATTERED



Contemporary Worship

March 9, 2025

first sunday in lent



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

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

Light Of The World

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

Baptism | Annie Jo Alfano

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

My King Forever

Promises

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

For All My Life

We Listen For God's Voice

Luke 4: 1-13

Shattered: Breaking Free From Ties

Fresh Wind

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

ANNIE JO ALFANO
September 5, 2024

Parents: Mariah & Adam Alfano
Sibling: Bo Alfano
Grandparents: Sam & Jo Alfano, Steve Mort

Congratulations to

Jennifer & Jay Dunn, on the birth of their son, Jack Newton Dunn, IV born on March 3, 2025.

Thanksgiving for the life of

Rosalyn Stroud (Jennifer Lowe & Susan Thomas' mother).....March 3, 2025

happening at canterbury

New! Wednesday Night Studies | Begin March 12 | 6 PM

From Lenten studies to parenting study options, there is something for everyone! For full descriptions of each class, and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Grief Care | Begins March 12 | 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 serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. Led by Hill Carmichael at noon on Wednesdays March 12-April 23. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Discovery Weekend | March 14-16

Registration closes tomorrow morning at 10 AM! This special YAC weekend is held here for our junior high students put on by our senior high students. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#events

Hiking with Hill | March 16, April 6 & April 13

This popular Sunday afternoon outdoor group returns this spring! Meet at 1:30 PM at the base of Red Mountain Park and enjoy time in nature with Rev. Hill Carmichael and fellow Canterburians. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

UMW Fern Sale | Now through March 30

The annual fern sale is now underway! There are three selections to choose from each at \$20. Tables will be available on Sundays March 9 & 16 to order - OR - place your order online: www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women

TAYA in Concert | April 24 | Canterbury Center

We're excited to welcome TAYA, a world-renowned Christian recording artist, on Thursday, April 24 to Canterbury Center. The world first heard her voice in Hillsong United's 'Oceans' and 'Touch the Sky' and from that moment, her voice became an unmistakable call to worship across the world. To purchase tickets: www.canterburyumc.org/taya

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



Vote Canterbury UMC Mountain Brook's Best of 2025

Take a minute and cast your vote for Canterbury UMC in the Best Place of Worship division - AND for Keith Thompson & Matthew Montgomery in the Best Pastor division. Deadline is March 14! To vote, scan the QR code or visit:

www.mountainbrookmagazine.com/mountain-brooks-best-of-the-best-2025

lenten series

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As we journey through Lent, our sermon series asks us to consider: What in our lives needs to be broken apart so that God's transformative work can begin? Jesus shatters the systems and assumptions that trap us in narrow ways of thinking, freeing us to live more fully in alignment with God's love and grace. This series invites us to examine what we hold on to too tightly, let go of what no longer serves us, and embrace the life-giving renewal that comes from stepping into God's bigger, bolder dream for our lives.

special offering

The Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund Easter Offering benefits vital ministries at Canterbury. This year your gifts will directly benefit: Avondale Samaritan Place's Use Your Noodle Program, Canterbury UMC Beeson Social Work Assistance Fund, and Canterbury UMC Direct Assistance. You may bring your gift to worship on Easter Sunday or mail it to the church office. Please make your check payable to Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund. Thank you!

easter flowers

To place a flower in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one, complete this form:

Placed in Honor _____ Memory ____ of _____

By _____ Phone# _____

Make your check payable to Canterbury UMC for \$35 per flower.
Return it with this form to the church office no later than Monday, April 7.
Please use a separate form for each order.

holy week services

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Choral Evensong Service

5 PM | Sanctuary

Canterbury Choir presents 'The Winchester Service.' It was composed in 2022 by Australian composer Joseph Twist for Winchester Cathedral in the UK. It includes beautiful and haunting settings that all will enjoy.

APRIL 14, 15 & 16

Noon Services & Lunch

12 PM | Chapel

Join us during Holy Week at 12 Noon Monday through Wednesday in the Chapel for a time of reflection and worship. Each day will feature a different guest speaker. Lunches will be available for purchase and served in the parlor immediately following each service.

APRIL 17

Maundy Thursday Services

12 PM | Chapel

6 PM | Canterbury Hall – New this year!

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper as described in the Gospel of Luke. You are invited to join us at either service offered to partake in this special time of remembrance. The 6 PM service will be a participatory experience and will be held in Canterbury Hall.

APRIL 18

Good Friday Services

12 PM | Chapel

6 PM | Canterbury Center

On Good Friday, we remember the day that Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Easter follows – a glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead. Two services will be held on April 18. A noon time traditional Good Friday service in the Chapel, and a moving and powerful service of darkness led by our Contemporary Worship team at 6 PM in Canterbury Center.



for more information

www.canterburyumc.org/lent