Contemporary Worship

March 15, 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 GRACE LOVE LIFE

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

Welcome & Greeting

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Praise

Holy Forever

We Respond To God

Children's Moment

God's People Give

Discovery Weekend Highlight Video

God's People Pray | Baptism

We Listen For God's Voice

1 Timothy 4:12

God's Goodness

Goodness of God

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

THANK YOU FROM THE YAC TEAM

Discovery Weekend is a special retreat for Jr. High students, led by Sr. High students who guide talks, small groups, and activities throughout the weekend. It's a unique opportunity for younger students to learn from peers who have recently walked through the same stage of life.

Junior High can be a season of big changes and new experiences. Discovery offers space to step away from the busyness of everyday life, connect with others, and grow in faith. The hope is that students will discover God's love and recognize that the time they are living in right now truly matters.

This year's theme is **TIME**, and it is a reminder that even when life feels fast, God is at work in the present moments, and the time to grow in relationship with Him is now.

Discovery Weekend is made possible by the time and dedication of our church community, and we are deeply grateful for the many volunteers who help create a meaningful experience students will remember for years to come.

We are deeply thankful for you!
The YAC Team

Thanksgiving for the lives of
Rosemary Henry (Bob Henry's mother).....March 5, 2026
Michael "Mike" Woodke (Brian Woodke's father).....March 8, 2026

SERMON NOTES:

holy week at canterbury

Noon Services | March 30, 31 & April 1
- 12 PM | Chapel

Join us Monday through Wednesday at noon in the Chapel for a brief time of reflection and worship. Each day will feature a different guest speaker as shown above.

Holy Week Seder Meal | April 1
- 5:30 PM | Canterbury Hall

Join us for a meaningful and interactive evening around the table as we explore the ancient Seder meal Jesus shared with his disciples. Together we'll discover how this sacred tradition connects to the Lord's Supper as we practice it today.
$10 per person. By reservation only. Deadline is March 27.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/worship/lent

Maundy Thursday | April 2
- 12 PM | Chapel

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper and you are invited to join us at noon to partake in this special time of remembrance.

Good Friday | April 3
- 12 PM | Canterbury Center
- 6 PM | Chapel

On Good Friday, we remember the day that Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Two services will be held - a service of darkness led by our Contemporary Worship team at 12 PM in Canterbury Center, and a traditional Good Friday service in the Chapel at 6 PM.

easter at canterbury

sunday, april 5

Sanctuary Worship
8:15 & 10:30 AM
Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship
8:15 & 10:30 AM
Canterbury Center

EASTER CROSSES
The Easter crosses are placed in Martha's Garden each year to be adorned with spring flowers by you and your family! There are also several other crosses, like pictured above, placed at church entrances. These make for wonderful photo opportunities and will be great memories of a beautiful Easter celebration.

EASTER OFFERING
The Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund Easter Offering benefits vital ministries at Canterbury. This year your gifts will directly benefit ASP's Use Your Noodle Program, the Beeson Social Work Assistance Fund, and Canterbury's Direct Assistance. You may bring your gift to worship on Easter Sunday or mail it to 350 Overbrook Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35213. Please make your check payable to the Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund.

happening at canterbury

Outreach Easter Baskets | Now - March 29
Help make Easter happy for over 250 local children! This year our Easter Basket project will benefit kids at Pathways Women's Shelter, Avondale Samaritan Place and King's Home. Pick up an empty basket this morning near the Round Desk! Return baskets filled with goodies by or before March 29.

Blessing of the Animals | TODAY | 3-4 PM
Bring your furry friends to the Chapel lot for a joyful, come-and-go afternoon celebrating the pets we love. Enjoy interactive stations including a Blessing Station, Bandana Decorating, Treats, and

a Picture Station to capture the fun. Don't miss the "Claw-tillion." Dress up your pet and watch them shine as they're introduced by name and walk an astroturf "runway" complete with fire hydrants. Perfect for families, pet lovers, and anyone ready for a little extra joy!

UMW Annual Fern Sale | Now - April 1
This fundraiser allows UMW to support mission and outreach projects in our community. There are three great selections to choose from – Boston, Kimberly Queen and Macho. Each fern is $25. Place your order online by scanning the QR code. Pick up will be Saturday, April 11 from 8 AM-12 Noon at the Chapel drive through.

Women's Serve Night | March 17 | 6 PM
If you go to Canterbury ... and if you are a woman... YOU are invited to this special night sponsored by the Encouragers Women's Groups. (Nursery Provided)
We'll share a meal and serve together in support of Grace House Ministries packing pajama and hygiene kits. Please RSVP FOR THE DINNER and donate funds for the needed items by scanning the QR code.

Easter Egg Hunt | April 4 | 10 AM
Hop on over and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt full of springtime fun! Kids are invited to enjoy crafts, games, and a classic egg hunt - with plenty of colorful eggs and joyful surprises along the way. Don't forget to bring your basket and your best egg-hunting skills! It will be a sweet, simple celebration of Easter fun and community!.

Speakers David Thomas & Sissy Goff
April 28 | 6 PM
David Thomas returns to Canterbury this spring with Sissy Goff for a meaningful evening for parents. With more than 30 years of experience as therapists at Daystar Counseling Ministries, they offer practical wisdom and deep compassion for children and families. As authors, speakers, and hosts of the Raising Boys & Girls podcast, they'll share insights from their new book, Capable: How To Teach Your Kids the Strengths, Skills, and Strategies to Build Resilience.
Get your tickets now: www.TPRlive.co.
This is a must-attend event for all parents!

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