



*be
like
jesus*



*contemporary worship
march 29, 2026
palm sunday*



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

Hosanna

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

King

Holy Song

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

King of My Heart

We Listen For God's Voice

Luke 19: 28-44

The King Who Weeps

Hosanna

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

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.

Lunches for a Cause

Lunches will not be available after services; however, you are encouraged to visit the following local restaurants for lunch or dinner out with friends. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Canterbury's outreach efforts in providing weekend meals for local high school students who are food insecure. Make sure to mention Canterbury UMC when you place your order. Share a meal, enjoy good company, and support a great cause!

- DAVENPORT'S PIZZA, Monday
- TACO MAMA, Tuesday (Dinner only)
- DANIEL GEORGE, Wednesday

Holy Week Seder Meal | April 1 *(A few spots are left - Registration closes today at 5 PM)*

- 5:30 PM | Canterbury Hall

Join us for a meaningful 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 adults, \$7 kids. Nursery available for ages 4 and younger. *This meal is by reservation only.* Please scan the QR code to register.

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.

happening at canterbury

UMW Annual Fern Sale | Closes 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.

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 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! See you in the Chapel lot!

New! Spring Studies Begin April 8

The last session of Wednesday evening studies for the semester will begin on April 8. Studies will run for 4 weeks and feature a fun set of options as our Pastors and Staff team up to teach!

- The UMC Social Principles
Hill Carmichael & Caroline Bundy
- Things Jesus Never Said
Keith Thompson & Rick Owen
- Galatians (Bible Reading Plan)
Natalie Moon & Matthew Montgomery
- 8 Dates and Essential Conversations
Eleanor Christiansen & Jordain Boland
- Enneagram: Wisdom for Living Well
Tori & JonCarl Hastings
- Gifts of the Spirit (and Prayer Beads)
Annie Skinner & John Amos Boutwell

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Kids Summer Camps

Don't wait to sign up! Summer is just around the corner and we're looking forward to spending it with your kiddos. If you have not registered for one of our summer camps, hurry and do so now! Registration will open to non-members on APRIL 1. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Men's Breakfast | April 23 | 6:30 AM

Join us for breakfast on February 26 from 6:30-7:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. Our guest speaker will be Rev. James C. Fields, who served in the Alabama House of Representatives from 2008 until 2010 and is the pastor at St. James - Irondale UMC. (\$15) Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry

Canterbury Choir Concert | April 26 | 4:30 PM

Experience Giacomo Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* in a beautiful, moving live performance by our Choir with orchestra. Join us in the Sanctuary for an inspiring afternoon of music that uplifts the soul and stirs the spirit. This special concert is free and open to all.

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*. *This is a must-attend event for all parents!* Get your tickets now: www.TPRlive.co



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