



*be
like
jesus*



*contemporary worship
march 8, 2026
third 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

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

Worship

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Build My Life

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Holy Holy Holy

We Listen For God's Voice

Luke 9: 18-27

The Cost of Discipleship

How Great Thou Art

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Thanksgiving for the life of

James Taylor (Freda Taylor’s husband).....March 1, 2026

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, March 23rd.
Please use a separate form for each order.



You may also order your flowers online by scanning this QR code.

holy week at canterbury



MONDAY
march 30
ALLIE MCALLISTER

TUESDAY
march 31
GANN WATERS-WRIGHT

WEDNESDAY
april 1
ELEANOR CHRISTIANSEN

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 PM | Canterbury Hall

Don't miss this meaningful evening around the table for a special Seder meal - a celebration Jesus shared with his disciples. Through foods, scripture and storytelling, we'll explore the roots of the Last Supper and deepen our understanding of the journey toward Easter.

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

Discovery Weekend | March 13-15

Discovery Weekend is just around the corner! This is a retreat for all 7th-12th graders filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! Deadline to register is March 9.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Get involved!

- Be a Prayer Partner, email Eleanor Kerr at eleanor.kerr@canterburyumc.org to sign up.
- Attend the Prayer Service on March 14 at 7 PM.
- Come to Combined Worship in Canterbury Center on Sunday, March 15 at 10:30 AM.

Blessing of the Animals | March 15 | 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 through 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!

Outreach Easter Baskets | March 8-29

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 complete with instructions and a shopping list. Return baskets filled with goodies by or before March 29.