

FAITH ON THE MOVE



Contemporary Worship

May 31, 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



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.

CONTACT US:

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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

Anchor of Peace

Welcome & Greeting

Encore Recognition

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Blessed Assurance

Goodness of God

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Love Like This

We Listen For God's Voice

Genesis 12; 28

Altars Along the Way

Made for More

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Thanksgiving for the life of

Sandra Oden (Mary Elliott's mother).....May 24, 2026

Happening at Canterbury



Adult Summer Sunday School | 9:30 AM "Lessons from the Front Porch"

Join us this morning Sunday, May 31 in Wesley Hall during the Sunday School hour for a combined class featuring a different guest speaker and topic each week. Meet us on the porch for meaningful conversation, fresh perspectives and community!

Encore's 10 Year Celebration TODAY! | 11:30 AM



Worship today at 10:30 AM in the Contemporary Service for a special Encore recognition. Continue the celebration at 11:30 AM in Canterbury Hall with refreshments and fellowship. All invited!

Citywide Water Drive | Drop Off Now

A donation rack is located at Canterbury outside of the main entrance at the round desk. Cases of bottled water, Gatorade, and Powerade are being accepted to stock homeless shelters and cooling stations as we head into the summer months.

Summer Meal Series | Returns June 3

A favorite UMW fundraiser is back and once again they've partnered with some of our area's most popular restaurants to raise funds that will help support deserving not-for-profit organizations. Please participate and make sure to mention "Canterbury Fundraiser" when you check out!
> The first restaurant is BRICK & TIN on June 3 for lunch and dinner hours! (both locations)

Iron City Men's Breakfast | June 6

Join us June 6 at 8:30 AM at Trinity UMC to gather for breakfast, encouragement, stories of faith, and an opportunity to serve together this summer. The theme, "Blessed Are...", will focus on recognizing



God's blessing among us and how he is working in our lives. \$15. Scan the QR code to sign up.

Vacation Bible School | July 20-23 Volunteers Needed!

Over 250 children are registered for VBS and we need volunteers to make it a huge success! This is open to youth and adults of all ages. Questions? Reach out to Eleanor Christiansen.
Volunteer: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Register for Youth Summer Activities

Make plans for an unforgettable summer!

- Senior High Lake Trip (June 5-7)
- Junior High Adventure (June 15-18)
- Magic City Work Week (July 12-18)

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Confirmation Registration | Now Open

All rising 7th graders are invited to register. Registration closes July 26, so sign up soon! A required parent meeting will be held August 9 following worship to learn more. Questions? Reach out to Eleanor Kerr.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth



Beach Reads | June 30 & July 28

Looking for the perfect summer read and meaningful conversation? Join Beach Reads! These relaxed gatherings combine great books, fellowship, and faith-filled discussion. Whether you're reading by the pool, at the beach, or on your back porch, this is a wonderful way to stay connected and grow in community this summer.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Encouragers Registration | Now Open

This intergenerational women's ministry is designed to connect women of all ages through faith and friendship. Women meet monthly in small groups to pray, build relationships, and support each other through every season of life.



Looking for deeper community or spiritual encouragement? This is a place for you. Scan the QR code to sign up.

SUMMER WORSHIP

This summer at Canterbury, join us for worship at 8:15 AM in the Chapel for New Traditions or for a combined worship service at 10:30 AM.

10:30 AM Worship Location Rotation:

May 31	Contemporary Worship
June 7	Sanctuary Worship
June 14	Contemporary Worship
June 21	Sanctuary Worship
June 28	Contemporary Worship
July 5	Sanctuary Worship
July 12	Contemporary Worship
July 19	Sanctuary Worship
July 26	Contemporary Worship
August 2	Sanctuary Worship
August 9	Contemporary Worship



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