

TABLE MATTERS



Contemporary Worship

MAY 12, 2024



THANK YOU FOR VISITING CANTERBURY!

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. Sheryl Thornton

Pastor - Rev. Sam Williamson

Pastor - Rev. Matthew Montgomery

Children's Pastor - Rev. Ruth Grissom

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 that is staffed with knowledgeable caregivers. Excellent nursery care is available to children through 4 years old, however we love having all ages worshipping together and look forward to the ways they can help us worship God.

Watch Online We understand the challenges you face and we strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us. Our Sanctuary and Contemporary Worship services are available on our website.

Things to Know:

- *Make sure your children get a worship activity pack on the wall in Canterbury Center.*
- *The Children's Comfort Room is in the back hallway.*

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

Child Of Love

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

All About You

Crowns Down

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Miracle

We Listen For God's Voice

John 2: 1-12

Table Matters: Dinner with Mary

We Gather Around God's Table

Holy Communion

New Wine

We Welcome God's People

Joining of New Members

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Thanksgiving for the Lives of

- Thomas “Tommy” Whitman (Thomas “Allen” Whitman’s father).....May 6, 2024
- Annabelle Cumbest (Kathleen Mullican’s mother).....May 7, 2024

Happening at Canterbury

Side by Side Community Chorus Concert | May 14 | 2 PM

The Side by Side Community Chorus presents “Peace, Love & Harmony” on May 14 at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. From Louis Armstrong and the Beatles to Simon and Garfunkel, they’ll bring you nostalgic tunes that you will love singing along to! Donations are welcomed and will benefit Avondale Samaritan Place.

Retirement Reception for Rev. Ruth Grissom | May 19 | 9:15 AM

On Sunday, May 19, we invite you to join us in celebrating Rev. Ruth Grissom and her upcoming retirement. The reception will be held during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:15 AM in the Parlor. Let’s wish Ruth well and thank her for the love and dedication she has given to Canterbury’s Children’s Ministry.

Retirement Love Offerings

As you all know, Rev. Ruth Grissom and Rev. Sam Williamson will both be retiring this summer. Ruth’s last day will be May 31 and Sam’s last day will be June 30. You may express your gratitude to them by making a Love Offering. If you wish to make a donation toward these offerings, please send your check/checks to the Canterbury UMC Finance Office noting ‘Love Offering – Pastor’s Name’ in the memo line. (Please note such gifts are not charitable contributions for tax purposes) Thank you for your support of these wonderful pastors who have both served Canterbury UMC with a deep love and commitment to our mission of real grace and real love in the midst of real life.

YAC Summer Trips & Getaways | Register Now

Yay for more summer fun! Summer Getaways are day-trips where we go somewhere fun either in Birmingham or out-of-town! This summer, we have 5 Getaways planned, spots are limited so register your student now!

- June 12 - Activate Getaway
- June 19 - Six Flags Getaway
- July 24 - Getaway TBA
- July 31 - Aug 1 - Sr. High Rafting Getaway
- August 8 - Braves Game Getaway

If your student is interested in Senior High Lake Trip (wait list) or Jr. High BigStuf Trip (wait list) please go ahead and add them to the wait list. Mission Week spots are still available! For info on all trips and getaways, and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Journeys of Paul Mediterranean Cruise | October 8-20

(Register by May 26 to avoid extra fees!) Join Rev. Tori Hastings, Canterbury pastors, and guest speaker Rev. Brian Erickson on a 10-night Mediterranean cruise, Journeys of Paul, October 8-20, 2024. Stops will include Cairo, Turkey, Santorini, Greece, Istanbul and more. For registration information, please visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages



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 Rotation Location:

May 26	Sanctuary Worship
June 2	Contemporary Worship
June 9	Sanctuary Worship
June 16	Contemporary Worship
June 23	Sanctuary Worship
June 30	Contemporary Worship
July 7	Sanctuary Worship
July 14	Contemporary Worship
July 21	Sanctuary Worship
July 28	Contemporary Worship
August 4	Sanctuary Worship
August 11	Contemporary Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

An adult combined community Sunday School option will be held in Wesley Hall beginning June 2 through July 28. Each session will be lead by our pastors and will be livestreamed on the church Facebook & YouTube pages.

Topic: Journeys of Paul

Sundays | 9:15 AM | Wesley Hall



Vacation Bible Camp | June 10-13

Volunteers Needed (MON-THURS)

Camp Firelight is quickly coming in June! This is one of the most fun and exciting weeks of the summer and Kids@Canterbury needs MANY adult volunteers to make it a SUCCESS! Sign up to volunteer today by visiting: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children Questions? Please contact Ruth Grissom at ruth.grissom@canterburyumc.org.

Register Your Children!

A fun four days (Monday-Thursday) for all rising 4K – 5th grade children! Campers will experience the Bible stories through music, drama, games, arts and crafts, and science, as they learn ways to connect with and trust God. Our kids will go on an exciting journey where they'll learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, and know God is always with them. Register your kids today: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children





Thank you for joining us today!