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Contemporary Worship

November 9, 2025



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.

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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

I Thank God

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Graves Into Gardens

He Is

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Tend

We Listen For God's Voice

John 3: 16-17

Judgement and Hell?

We Go To Live Like Jesus

This I Believe

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Thanksgiving for the life of

Stanley Bynum (Lucie Bynum’s husband).....October 28, 2025

Congratulations to

Madeline & Raynor Boles, the proud parents of a baby boy, John Duffy Boles, III, born on October 23, 2025.

Catherine & Avery Duckworth, the proud parents of a baby boy, Hamilton Avery Duckworth, born on October 30, 2025.

Happening at Canterbury



Kids Critter Day | November 11 | 10 AM

Join us this Tuesday at 10 AM in Canterbury Hall for a wild morning of fun! We'll start with a short story time, then make a cool critter-themed craft you can take home. After that, get ready to meet some amazing animals native to Alabama... brought by none other than Aaron the Snake Professor! No charge, all welcome!

Kenya 2026 Interest Meeting | November 16

Join us next Sunday at 11:45 AM in Wesley Hall to hear about the Canterbury mission trip to Kenya in summer 2026. We will discuss the mission project, costs, dates and logistics.

Men's Breakfast | November 20 | 6:30 AM

Join us on November 20 at 6:30 AM in Canterbury Hall for the quarterly breakfast event featuring guest speaker and author Russell J. Levenson Jr. (\$12). Levenson will share insights from his book *Witness to Belief: Conversations on Faith and Meaning*, a powerful collection of stories from well-known figures including Denzel Washington, Condoleezza Rice, Jane Goodall,

and others, revealing how faith has shaped their lives, work, and purpose.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry

YAC Journey Retreat | November 21-23

Journey is November 21-23 at Shocco Springs in Talladega. This is a fall retreat for all 7th-12th graders, and friends are always welcome! The deadline to register is November 12.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

If you'd like to volunteer to help with Journey, email eleonor.kerr@canterburyumc.org.

Canterbury Christmas Chili Cookoff December 17 | 5:30-7 PM

Join us for a fun and festive evening at the Christmas Chili Cookoff! Enjoy a hearty spread of homemade chilis and grilled cheese while celebrating the season with friends, games and great food! Enter your best chili to compete for fun prizes... or simply come ready to taste and vote for your favorites! Proceeds will benefit the Jackson Olin High School feeding program. All ages are invited to come share in the Christmas cheer and make a difference! [\$10 adults | \$7 kids & youth | \$30 family max] Enter your chili by scanning this QR code. \$20 registration fee, deadline to enter is December 10.





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