

How to be
♥ Human



Contemporary Worship

NOVEMBER 10, 2024



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. Sheryl Thornton

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

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

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

Just Want Jesus

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Good Grace

We Respond To God & We Remember

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Touch The Sky

We Listen For God's Voice

Scripture

How to be Human: The Epidemic of Blindness

Highlands (Song Of Ascent)

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thanksgiving for the lives of

Steve Nichols (Cindy Bowron’s brother).....November 2, 2024
Brittin “Britt” Coleman (Jane Coleman’s husband).....November 3, 2024

Happening at Canterbury

Adult Opportunities

Sunday Bus Drivers Needed for Brookdale

If you are looking for a rewarding way to help at Canterbury on Sunday mornings, we have just the thing! Additional bus drivers are needed to pick up residents from Brookdale Senior Living and bring them to Sunday School. The ladies are so much fun, and they appreciate the service SO MUCH! Driver shifts entail being at the church to get the bus at 8:30 AM on your assigned Sunday. (Shifts are approximately once every quarter.) Return the ladies to Brookdale after Sunday School at 10:15 AM. If interested, please contact Jennifer Dunn at jennifer.dunn@canterburyumc.org to receive driver instructions..

Happy-ish Holidays | November 20 | 11:30 AM

For all who find themselves in a tougher season of life during the holidays, you are invited to join us for a luncheon on Wednesday, November 20 in Wesley Hall. Maybe grief, illness, divorce, or another challenge has you wondering how to approach the holidays. Rev. Monica Harbarger, Director of United Counseling, will be our special guest and she will talk with us about self-care, grace for ourselves and each other, and how we can still engage hope and joy. Lunch is \$10. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/happyish-holidays

Youth@Canterbury

Register for Journey Retreat

Our Journey Retreat will be held November 22-24, and we will be going to Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL. This is a retreat for all 7th-12th graders and is an awesome weekend filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! For more details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Kids@Canterbury

1st Grade Faith Milestone | November 17 | 9:15 AM

Please register you and your 1st grader for the 1st grade milestone “I Can Touch the Water” on November 17 during the Sunday School hour. We will be learning about Baptism and how it teaches us who we are in God’s eyes. Please RSVP at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

United Methodist Women

November Virtual Fundraiser: 100 Women x \$100 = \$10K Goal

Please help Canterbury UMW reach their fundraising goal of \$10,000! During the month of November, UMW is holding a virtual fundraiser where they will use their social media pages to “tell the UMW story.” They will highlight acts of service and are asking for 100 women to give \$100 (or more!) to help us reach their goal. These funds are critical in providing support to many worthy organizations in the Birmingham area. With your help, they can continue to help spread the love of Christ in our community and continue the service legacy of the United Methodist Women. For more info and to donate: www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women

Outreach

Gift Collection | Samaritan Place Market: A Christmas Village | November 1-24



Canterbury, you have been so faithful over the years to provide new children's gifts to stock ASP's annual Christmas Village. This year's gift collection is underway! Shop for toys at your favorite local store or use the convenient Amazon Wish List (scan QR code).

Financial donations are always welcome. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to Canterbury by November 24. The shopping event for families will be held at ASP on December 4-5.

ASP Pickleball Tournament | November 24 | 12:30-6:30 PM

On Sunday afternoon, November 24, Avondale Samaritan Place will host the "Pickle & Pours" fundraising event at Magic City Pickleball Club. By participating you will have lots of fun – and will also be feeding an underserved family in our community, providing assistance through social workers to a homeless individual, providing a safe, fun space for kids to come after school, supporting a summer education program for children who are falling behind at school. To register: www.canterburyumc.org/community/avondale-samaritan-place

Advent

Carols and Cocoa | December 4 | 5 PM Dinner, 6 PM Event



The first Sunday of Advent is December 1 and we can't wait to share this special season with you at Canterbury. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 4... Carols and Cocoa returns! Let's kickoff Christmas at Canterbury in the Chapel parking lot. A hot dinner will be served from 5-6 PM in Canterbury Hall and the event begins outside at 6 PM. We will enjoy yummy hot chocolate, fire pits, fellowship and sing-along music by the Contemporary Band. Invite a friend and bring your folding chairs!

SAGE

Thanksgiving Legacy Luncheon | November 19 | 12 Noon

Join us for a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch with Bishop Mike Watson. Learn practical ways to be grateful to God in the hard times, to be thankful for what we have, to look for ways to help and be there for one another all while embracing and meeting each other right where we are... in God's hands. Lunch is \$5. Please RSVP by November 14 to Valerie at 205.874.1523 or valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.



Thank you for joining us today!