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Contemporary Worship

October 5, 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

King

Welcome & Greeting

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Gratitude

Same God

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Mercy

We Listen For God's Voice

James 2: 12-19

James Sermon Series

We Gather Around God's Table

Tend

Holy Communion

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Today is World Communion Sunday

Observed on the first Sunday of October, this is a special day that celebrates our unity in Christ with Christians around the globe. Rooted in the United Methodist emphasis on an open table, this day reminds us that Holy Communion is not just for one congregation or denomination but a shared meal that unites the worldwide Body of Christ. We join with churches of many traditions to break bread and share the cup, symbolizing the call to peace, reconciliation, and community across all cultures and nations.

Happening at Canterbury

Germany & Poland | April 2026

Faith Pilgrimage - Join Rev. Tori Hastings and fellow Canterburians April 9-19 and follow the footsteps of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Reformation. For more info and to register for the trip: www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages/

Keith Thompson's Bible Study Sundays | 5:30 PM

You're invited to join this study, meeting every Sunday at 5:30 PM in Room M208. This ongoing study is currently focused on II Kings, offering a meaningful time of teaching and discussion. All are welcome. Registration is not required.

EngAGE Lunch & Learn | October 7 | 11:30 AM

Please join us for a FREE community lunch and learn with Canterbury's own Dr. Amanda Cartee! Over a delicious lunch, Dr. Cartee will guide us through the fascinating world of gut health and how it plays a vital role in our overall well-being. It will be held from 11:30-1:00 PM in Wesley Hall. Come hungry for both food and knowledge, bring a friend and join us! RSVP: valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

Canterbury Book Club October 13 & November 10

Held on the 2nd Monday of the month from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Bring your lunch and join in the discussion. For book titles and dates: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

4K Faith Milestone | October 19 | 9:15 AM

We are so excited to see you and your 4K kiddo on October 19 at 9:15 AM in the Small Dining Room. We will be learning about prayer and how it helps us feel connected to God's heart. So that we will be prepared with materials for your family, please RSVP: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

YAC Journey Retreat | November 21-23

Register now! 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! Make sure to sign up soon! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Christmas Village Toy Collection



Join us in gathering toys this fall for over 350 children during our Christmas Village at ASP on December 3 and 4! This QR code will take you to our Amazon list for you to buy directly OR shop local and support our community! We will also need your help during the event...keep your eyes open for more info!

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

If you haven't had the chance to make your 2026 pledge yet, it's not too late. Every gift, large or small, makes a difference and helps us move forward together as one church, connected and committed to God's work in our community and beyond. When you are ready to make your 2026 financial commitment, please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/giving

October at a Glance

October 1	Grief Care Begins
October 1	Session 2 Wednesday Studies Begin
October 1	Wednesday Night Dinner
October 5	World Communion Sunday
October 7	engAGE Lunch & Learn
October 8	Wednesday Night Dinner
October 13	Book Club
October 15	Wednesday Night Dinner
October 17	RISE Connect Fall Retreat
October 19	4K Faith Milestone
October 19	New Sunday School Class (ages 22-26)
October 22	Wednesday Night Dinner
October 26	YAC Halloween MYF
October 27	Church Council Meeting
October 28	Legacy Luncheon
October 29	Wednesday Night Dinner
October 29	Kids Halloween Fun Night



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