

It's great
TO BE AT
CANTERBURY



Contemporary Worship

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Welcome to Canterbury!

We are so glad to have you as our guest in worship and we would love to connect with you. Let us know you are here by scanning this QR code or by following this link: www.canterburyumc.org/attendance



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



WORSHIP

Welcome to worship at Canterbury UMC where we seek to be a church full of real grace, and real love in the midst of real life. Guides are available to help you find your way, and hearing assist devices are available – ask an usher for assistance.

Children in Worship All children are welcome in worship! The sight, sounds, and interactions of worship are appropriate for every age. We have worship activity bags available as you enter the Sanctuary. Excellent nursery care is also 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. Nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers for all regularly scheduled worship services. Canterbury uses a computer check-in system as part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy. *Adjacent to the Narthex, the Children's Comfort Room is a place where you may sit with your child.*

Worship Online We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! All Sunday worship services are available through:

Website

www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online

Facebook

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

YouTube

www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC

CONNECT

Next Steps Class This class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to continue building connections with other followers of Christ. Since many of us come from different church backgrounds, this class is designed to clearly explain who we are, what we believe, and how you can take the next steps in partnering with us to build the Kingdom of God. After attending these classes, it is our hope you will decide to make Canterbury your new church home. For more information, please contact Becky King at becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

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During the month of September, we ask that you be in prayer about what your time and financial commitment will be for Canterbury's ministries in 2025. This year, we are asking all Canteburians to prayerfully consider increasing your pledge by 5% – that small but significant increase will go a long way in providing funds to support the wonderful growth we are experiencing as a church!

We also ask that you plan to join us in worship on Commitment Sunday, September 22, when we will make our commitments together as a church and look with hope to where God is leading Canterbury in the coming year.

Thank you for supporting your church and its mission through your faith and generosity. Because of your commitment and love, it allows our church community to continue to say...
"It's Great to be at Canterbury!"



To make your pledge online, scan the QR code or visit www.canterburyumc.org/giving.



It's great to be at Canterbury!

It is a loving, caring second home for our family that mercifully is always there for us. From times of joy to times of loss, Canterbury is our church home.

CHRISTI & BEN LUNSFORD

Consider the 5% challenge!

- If your pledge is \$100 consider making a pledge of \$105.
- If your pledge is \$1,000 consider making a pledge of \$1,050.
- If your pledge is \$5,000 consider making a pledge of \$5,250.
- If your pledge is \$10,000 consider making a pledge of \$10,500.
- If your pledge is \$20,000 consider making a pledge of \$21,000.

Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge by 5%. It could make a big difference!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORSHIP IS AN AWARENESS AND EXPRESSION OF GOD'S PRESENCE LIVED OUT MOMENT BY MOMENT

We Gather In God's Presence

Over And Over

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

King

Trust In God

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Been So Good

We Listen For God's Voice

Deuteronomy 6: 10-13

It's Great to be at Canterbury: The Past

Time And Time Again

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Thanksgiving for the lives of

- Rebel Steiner (Susan Farlow's brother).....August 28, 2024
- Lucille "Lucy" Thompson (Mike Thompson's mother).....August 30, 2024
- Reginald "Reg" Baker (Peggy Baker's husband).....September 3, 2024

Happening at Canterbury

UMW Fall Kickoff Coffee | September 9 | 10:30 AM

United Methodist Women will host their annual fall coffee tomorrow morning at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. Eleanor Christiansen, Director of Children's Ministry, will be speaking. You do not have to be a member of UMW to attend. All are invited to be a part of this great, church-wide women's ministry!

Next Steps | Begins September 15 | 9:15 AM

Considering joining Canterbury? This Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time to continue building connections with others. The next session will be held in the Dining Room at 9:15 AM on 9/15, 9/22, 9/29 & 10/6. Reserve your spot by emailing becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

Wesley Heritage Tour Interest Meeting | September 15 | 11:30 AM

Join Rev. Tori Hastings and fellow Canterburians on a Wesley Heritage Tour June 4-12, 2025. You will spend nine days in England touring Coventry, Epworth, Cotswolds, Stratford, Oxford, Bristol, Wesley's London and much more. Starting from \$4,248 per person. Join us in Wesley Hall after worship on Sunday, September 15 for an interest meeting. For more details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages

Youth@Canterbury

Midweek | Wednesdays | 6-7 PM

MidWeek is from 6-7 PM each Wednesday night - it includes a game, a lesson, and a great time with friends! All 7th-12th graders begin together in the Youth Center, and then split into a senior high group and a junior high group. The junior high group will move to room M-118, and senior high will stay in the Youth Center. Join us!

Kids@Canterbury

RISE Connect Fall Retreat (4th-6th grades) | September 20-21

Make sure to register your 4th-6th grader for the RISE retreat to be held on September 20-21, held in conjunction with Asbury UMC and Grace UMC. This will be a super fun fall weekend at Camp Sumatanga.

For more details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Encore

Encore Volunteer Training | September 16 | 9AM - 12 Noon

Now is the time to plug in to Encore! We need you! Join us on Monday, September 16 for a new volunteer training - or for a refresher training for current volunteers! This is THE most rewarding experience where you can make a difference in the lives of people living with memory loss and their families. It's very flexible and can adapt to anyone's schedule! To register, email Patti Williams at encorepatti@gmail.com.

SAGE

Legacy Luncheon Featuring Tom Roberts | September 17 | 12 Noon

Join us to hear the life and career of Canterbury's very own Tom Roberts. Tom has worked alongside future NBA stars, NFL legends, Olympians, National Champions and college athletics' most successful coaches. He's been a first-hand witness to some of the greatest moments in collegiate sports, particularly Alabama football. Join us in Canterbury Hall for a delicious lunch and hear the amazing stories from Tom's wonderful career in sports. And you might just see a few surprise guests as well. Please RSVP by September 12 by emailing Valerie Boyd at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Outreach

Churchwide Day of Service | October 27 | 9:30 AM - 12 Noon

For years, Canterbury's Outreach ministries have been guided by Jesus' words in Matthew 25. On Sunday morning, October 27, our church will experience this passage as we worship together through hands-on service from 9:30 AM-12 Noon. Please make plans to join us as we live out our call to love 'the least of these' and for a day to remember that 'It's Great to Serve With Canterbury!' We will need over 500 volunteers to make this day a success, so grab your friends and family and make sure to be a part of it!

Projects Include:

- SWEET POTATO DROP - Volunteers Needed: 200
- FLOOD BUCKET PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 40
- LITTLE BROWN BAG PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 75
- RISE AGAINST HUNGER FINALE - Volunteers Needed: 150
- THANKSGIVING CARDS for PRISONERS - Volunteers Needed: 25
- KIDS ACTIVITIES - Volunteers Needed: 25
- LETTER WRITING BLAST - Volunteers Needed: 20
- FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TEAM - Volunteers Needed: 10
- SAGE ACTIVITY for HOMEBOUND - Volunteers Needed: 30

For full details on each of these projects and to reserve your spot, please visit:
www.canterburyumc.org/outreach

ASP Pickle & Pours Pickleball Tournament | November 17

Save the date! Avondale Samaritan Place will host a super fun fundraising event on Sunday, November 17 at Magic City Pickleball Club. Registration details are coming soon. All are invited to come and join the fun! If you would like to be a Corporate Sponsor for the event, please email leighann.sisson@gmail.com.

Support Groups at Canterbury

Mental Health Caregiver Support Group | Begins September 11

The first session in this 4-week series is "Understanding Depressions and Anxiety." The CDC tells us that 17% of people in the US express symptoms of anxiety disorder. This percentage is highest in young adults, yet these symptoms exist across the age scale. Depression statistics are similar. Helping our family members with anxiety and depression can require a lot from us and can feel isolating. Please join us for a practical and encouraging session with Dr. Choban Porter - a licensed psychologist who specializes in stress management, anxiety, depression, and anger. We hope you will join in this community of support and encouragement. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Divorce Support | Begins September 15 | 5-6:30 PM

The Divorce Journey: Past, Present & Future - Going through a divorce holds such a wide range of feelings, decisions and reassessments of life goals. This 10-week course on Sunday evenings is a safe and encouraging community where participants are guided along their unique journeys and beyond. Sessions include space for teaching, personal reflection and fellowship. Led by Rev. Leslie Etheredge in Room M200. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults



Thank you for joining us today!