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Contemporary Worship

September 21, 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.

CONTACT US:

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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

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Choir

Children's Moment

Stewardship Video

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Child Of Love

He Is

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Love Like This

We Listen For God's Voice

1 Peter 4: 8-11

Come. Connect. Commit: COMMIT

We Gather Around God's Table

Holy Communion & Time of Commitment

New Wine

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Congratulations

- to Betsy & Richmond Watson, proud parents of a baby boy, Richmond Sharbrough Watson, Jr., born on September 8, 2025.
- to Jenna & Sam Hudson, proud parents of a baby girl, Ann Katherine Hudson, born on September 14, 2025.
- to Pressley Cain O’Ferrell & Logan Jeffrey Brewer who were united in holy matrimony on September 20, 2025.

Happening at Canterbury

Fall Studies Continue!

SESSION 2 Begins Wednesday, October 1

Our Pastors and Staff are teaching their same “Fall Favorites” again for Session 2. If you missed a study from Session 1, here’s your chance!



- ACTS - Hill Carmichael
- JOHN - Rick Owen
- REVELATION - Keith Thompson
- JOB - Matthew Montgomery
- PSALMS - Mike Watson
- JAMES - Tori Hastings
- GENESIS - Eleanor Christiansen & Natalie Moon
- JONAH - Annie Skinner
- PAUL - Lisa Donnell & Team

To register, scan the QR code above or visit:
www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

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.

Men’s Breakfast | September 25 | 6:30 AM

Join us for breakfast as we welcome Canterbury’s Dave Wood, who will share inspiring stories from his Veterans Flights; a mission where he uses his own aircraft to help veterans travel when special needs arise. Enjoy breakfast (\$12) and fellowship. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast

Dad & Me Nerf Challenge | September 28 | 2 PM

Join us for an exciting afternoon of Nerf fun for kids and their dads... or any father-figure! Come dressed in camo, bring your favorite Nerf toy, and get ready for some fun and friendly challenges! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Encore Volunteer Training | October 1 | 9 AM

Come make a difference in the lives of those living with dementia or memory loss. Encore would love for you to join the program as a volunteer! This is the most rewarding experience that you could ask for! Join us for the upcoming training on 10/1. Register: encorepatti@gmail.com

Grief Care | Begins October 1 | 12 Noon

When we lose someone we love, we embark on a journey not of our choosing. But it is a vital and sacred journey for grief just the same. This group serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. During this 6-week course, we will listen, share and gain important tools in navigating our unique grief experiences. Led by Hill Carmichael on Wednesdays (10/1-11/5) at Noon. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/care

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

Join us for a FREE lunch and learn with Canterbury’s Dr. Amanda Cartee! Over 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. 11:30-1:00 PM, Wesley Hall. Register: valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

RISE Connect Fall Retreat | October 17–18

4th–6th graders, join us for a 24-hour retreat at Camp Sumatanga filled with worship, hiking, games, and time with God and friends! Cost is \$125 (includes t-shirt, meals, lodging, and supplies). Canterbury priority registration ends Sept. 29; final deadline is October 1. Don’t miss it! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

YAC Journey Retreat | November 21-23

Save the date! Journey will be November 21-23 at Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL. This is a fall retreat for all 7th-12th graders (friends welcome!). Registration will open September 29. Details: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth



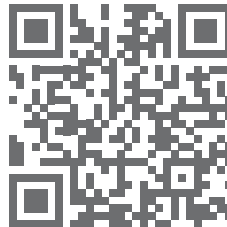
Today is Commitment Sunday.

We will make our commitments together as a church and look with hope to where God is leading us in 2026.

Your continued financial commitments allow us to thrive in all the areas that truly make a difference in the lives of those around us.

You may bring your pledge card forward this morning as you receive communion.

Or you may scan the QR code to pledge.



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