

### **Third Grade Bible Presentation | September 17 | 10:30 AM**

It is a tradition at Canterbury to give a personalized Bible to our third graders each year. If you are a member of Canterbury or consider Canterbury your church home, we want to make sure that we have a Bible for your child. Bibles will be presented to the children in the Sanctuary on September 17 at 10:30 AM. To reserve a Bible for your child, please visit [www.canterburyumc.org/childrensevents](http://www.canterburyumc.org/childrensevents).

### **“Love Again Toys” Collection | August 13 - September 10**

New Outreach Opportunity! Love Again Toys is a new charity founded in conjunction with Canterbury UMC. Love Again Toys is currently accepting gently used children’s toys, clothes, books, and riding toys (such as bikes, scooters, and helmets); additionally, they are accepting gently used books and clothes for teens. Love Again Toys is partnering with a few other nonprofit organizations in central Alabama, specifically in Wilcox and Lowndes counties. On the Birmingham end, they will collect the toys and deliver them to sister charities; they will sort and distribute the items to their families most in need. All the donations will be tax deductible. Donations can be dropped off at Canterbury starting this Sunday through September 10. A pod will be in the Chapel parking lot, and you can visit the round desk at the main entrance for the lock combination and your tax donation form. Please join us and help make this first year of Love Again Toys a success and be on the lookout for future donation opportunities each summer around the beginning of school. Questions? Contact Rachel Estes at [rachel.estes@canterburyumc.org](mailto:rachel.estes@canterburyumc.org).

## ***New Traditions***

***August 13, 2023***

*The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*



**Canterbury**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thank you for visiting!

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/visitors](http://www.canterburyumc.org/visitors)



**Senior Pastor** - Rev. Keith Thompson  
**Pastor** - Rev. Hill Carmichael  
**Pastor** - Rev. Tori Hastings  
**Pastor** - Dr. Bill Morgan  
**Pastor** - Rev. Sheryl Thornton  
**Pastor** - Rev. Sam Williamson  
**Pastor** - Rev. Matthew Montgomery  
**Children’s Pastor** - Rev. Ruth Grissom  
**Youth Pastor** - Rev. Seth Moon  
**High School Pastor** - Rev. Gann Waters - Wright  
**Bishop in Residence** - Dr. Mike Watson  
**Choirmaster and Organist** - Dr. Lester Seigel



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.

CANTERBURYUMC.ORG

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 sight, sounds, and interactions of worship are appropriate for every age. We have worship resources available as you enter the worship space including a Worship Activity bag. 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. Children’s Ministry at Canterbury begins at birth. Nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers for all regularly scheduled worship services. Nursery for other activities and church events can be provided. Please feel free to contact Selena Pitsch at [selena.pitsch@canterburyumc.org](mailto:selena.pitsch@canterburyumc.org) with any questions about nursery. Canterbury uses a computer check-in system as part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy..

Help us to celebrate the new life in our congregation by sharing the exciting news with us! We need you to let us know when your family is welcoming a new baby and hope you will contact [linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org](mailto:linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org) so that we can all celebrate another child in our midst.

Things to Know:

- Hearing assist devices are now available – ask an usher for assistance
- The Children’s Comfort Room is a place where you may sit with your child. It is adjacent to the Narthex

**Watch Online** We understand the challenges you face and we strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us. Our Sanctuary and Contemporary Worship services are available on our website.

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](mailto:becky.king@canterburyumc.org).

MEET WITH ONE OF 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, the United Methodist Church, and anything else you want to talk about. Contact the church office at 205-871-4695 to set that up.

Contact Us

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# Order of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

\* Hymn 66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

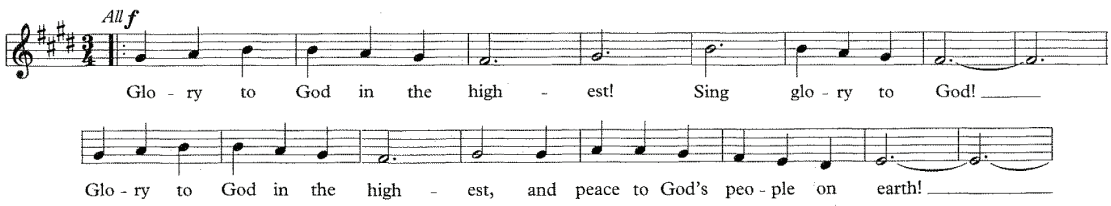
Collect

*The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.*

Gracious God, We are grateful for this new year in which we may grow in faith, friendship, and the love of Jesus. We pray for all students and praise you for their curiosity, hope, and kindness. Help our students to listen for your voice, as they explore Scripture and seek to live what they believe. Today, we ask for blessings upon those who lead our children, youth, and adults. Sustain them in their dedication, experience, and insight, creativity, patience and joy. Send them out to share your Good News with everyone in their care. In the name of Jesus, who asked and answered many questions we pray. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis

Daniel Seigel, cantor



Musical notation for Gloria In Excelsis, featuring two staves of music with lyrics: Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth!

Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 105:1 - 8

Stan Nelson, cantor

O give thanks to the Lord, call \* on God's name, | make known God's deeds among \* the peoples. Sing to the Lord, \* sing praises! | Tell of all God's won-\*derful works. Glory in God's \* holy name; | let the hearts of those who seek the \* Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord \* and his strength; | seek his presence contin-\*ually. Remember the wonderful works \* God has done, the miracles and the judgements God \* has uttered, O offspring of Abraham, \* God's servant, | children of Jacob, God's \* chosen ones. The Lord \* is our God; | whose judgements are in \* all the earth. The Lord is mindful of his everlasting \* covenant, of the word commanded for a thousand gen-\*erations. The Word of God for the peo-\*ple of God. Thanks \* be to God.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, those things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## All Pray in Silence

Kyrie 482

Jessie Mayne, cantor

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Words of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. Glory to God! Amen.

\* The Peace

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you, and also with you.



Musical notation for The Peace, featuring a single staff of music with lyrics: Sha - lom, Sha - lom, the peace of God be here. Sha - lom, Sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

Epistle Lesson

Romans 12: 9 - 17

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jump In

Rev. Hill Carmichael

Response to the Word 545

The Church's One Foundation, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

AURELIA

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Ain'a That Good News!

Spiritual, arr. Dawson

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain'a that good news!  
I'm a-gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up my cross,  
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'a that good news!  
I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain'a that good news...  
I got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain'a that good news ....



\* **Doxology & Wesley’s Grace**

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**


**Be present at our table, Lord;  
be here and everywhere adored;  
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we  
may feast in paradise with Thee.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**


The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.  
**And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might!



Hea - ven and earth are full, are full of Your glo - ry. O



blessed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na,



Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:**



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**



A - men, A - men, A - - - - men!

**The Lord’s Prayer** (Chanted)

*Cantor*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:

*All*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth

as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who

sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.  
Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, become one as we partake of it. Is not the breaking  
of this bread a means of sharing in the body of Christ?

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.  
Is not the cup a means of sharing in the blood of Christ?

**Receiving the Bread and Cup**

*All are welcome to receive the sacrament. You do not have to be a member of Canterbury or of the United Methodist Church. It is the Lord’s table and all of God’s children are welcome. Ushers will guide you. If you should require gluten-free bread, there are kits with white tops on the inside of each altar rail.*

**Music During Communion**

Sweet Rivers of Redeeming Love

Sacred Harp, arr. Davis

Sweet rivers of redeeming love stand just before my eyes,  
had I the pinions of a dove, I’d to those regions rise.  
I’d rise superior to my pain, with joy outstrip the wind;  
I’d cross proud Jordan’s swelling flood and leave the world behind.  
A few more days or years at most, my troubles will be o’er;  
I long to join the heaven’y host on Canaan’s happy shore.  
My raptured soul shall drink and feast in love’s unbounded sea;  
the joyful hope of endless rest is ravishing to me.

**\* Prayer After Receiving**  
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.**  
**May we be transformed into your image. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength**  
**of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Response**

**Thanksgiving for the lives of**

Robert A. Rives (Mark Rives’ father).....August 4, 2023  
William Carl Posey (Carlton Fountain’s father).....August 7, 2023

## HAPPENING AT CANTERBURY

### Confirmation Parent Meeting | August 13 | 11:30 AM

For parents of upcoming 7th graders, we will have a very important meeting this morning at 11:30 AM in the Youth Center to go over the upcoming year as our 7th graders are not only joining the YAC youth program, but also, will be walking through the Confirmation experience. 7th grade parents will need to register their students for the Confirmation year. Please do so by visiting: [www.canterburyumc.org/confirmation](http://www.canterburyumc.org/confirmation).

### YAC MidWeek | Returns August 16 | 6-7 PM

MidWeek is an instrumental event in the life of our YAC program. We can't even begin to tell you how many of our students plug into the youth group because of MidWeek. We all gather at 6pm in the Youth Center, and then our Junior High students will head down to M-118 for their time, while our Senior High students will remain in the Youth Center for a time of incredible discussions.

### Community Grief Support: Unmasking the Complexity of Suicide August 17 | 6 PM | Canterbury Center

It's not easy to talk about, think about, or cope with suicide. A free, open-to-the-public conversation about suicide is happening on Thursday, August 17 at Canterbury. Join us to hear from key speakers, Cheryl Dodson and Noah Galloway, as we learn how to help and make a difference. Check in is at 6 PM, program is from 7-9 PM. Deadline to register is August 14. To register: [www.communitygriefsupport.org/unmasking-suicide-registration/](http://www.communitygriefsupport.org/unmasking-suicide-registration/)

### RISE Ministry 5th & 6th grade Parent's Meeting | August 20 | 5-6 PM

There will be a meeting on Sunday, August 20 from 5-6 PM in Wesley Hall for the parents of our 5th and 6th graders. At this meeting, you will get a chance to meet your child's Sunday school teachers, to learn what your child will be learning in Sunday school, to see what activities are offered for your child, and learn how to help your child grow in their faith and relationship with God this year. Questions? Contact Davis Kinchler at [davis.kinchler@canterburyumc.org](mailto:davis.kinchler@canterburyumc.org).

### Legacy Luncheon | August 22 | 12 Noon

Join us as we welcome our wonderful volunteers of Canterbury's heartfelt ministry, Books to Prisons. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes of this ministry and so many lives touched by the kindness of others. Our volunteers will share their stories with us. Enjoy a fabulous lunch by Debbie (\$5) and of course sharing good times with friends. Please RSVP by August 17 by emailing [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

### Encore Volunteer Training | August 28 | 9 AM-12 Noon

For new and seasoned volunteers, Encore will hold a Volunteer Training and Refresher Course on Monday, August 28th from 9-12 in the Encore Room at Canterbury (2nd floor). Light breakfast munchies and coffee will be served. To RSVP, email Patti Williams by August 21 at [encorepatti@gmail.com](mailto:encorepatti@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## Upcoming Events

### Kickoff Sunday | Today | 5-7 PM

Join us for the fall kickoff event in the Canterbury parking lot from 5-7 PM. ALL AGES are invited to enjoy Bingo, water inflatables, food trucks, a photo booth, and a Cornhole Tournament!



**DON'T MISS**

- FOOD TRUCKS
- INFLATABLES
- GAMES
- PHOTO BOOTH
- SWAG
- CORNHOLE

### Guest Speaker, Kristi Bush | August 16 | 5-6 PM Children | 6-7 PM Adults

Wednesday nights return this week and we will kick things off with a guest speaker! Kristi Bush is a national education consultant and social media safety advocate. As a mother, she has both a professional and personal appreciation of the power...both positive and negative...associated with social media. The night will be divided into two parts. Our children, 3rd-6th grades, will gather in Wesley Hall at 5 PM for a session tailored just for them (pizza will be served). Register your child at [www.canterburyumc.org/childrensevents](http://www.canterburyumc.org/childrensevents). From 6-7 PM, adults will hear from Kristi in Wesley Hall.



## GUEST SPEAKER KRISTI BUSH AUGUST 16

Helping Parents Navigate Social Media

Children 5-6pm | Adults 6-7pm

WESLEY HALL

### Fall Small Groups & Wednesday Night Studies | Begin August 23

**REGISTER NOW!** There is something for everyone this fall at Canterbury. Jump in to an adult small group or Wednesday evening study. Session One begins August 23! For a full listing of options and to register, visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/adultbiblestudy](http://www.canterburyumc.org/adultbiblestudy)