



**YOU ARE**  
*invited!*

**New Traditions**

**AUGUST 18, 2024**

## Thank you for joining us!

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



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**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. 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.

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

### **Website:**

[www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online](http://www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online)

### **Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch)

### **YouTube:**

[www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC](http://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](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.

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## **Contact Us**

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**Pastoral Care Response Line:** 205.999.4887

# Order of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

### \* Hymn 108

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

EBENEZER

### Collect

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

**Living God, you are the giver of wisdom and true discernment, guiding those who seek your ways to choose the good. Mercifully grant that your people, feasting on the true bread of heaven, may have eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Gloria In Excelsis

*All f*

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! \_\_\_\_\_

### Baptism

Manning Tyler Dewitz

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Our Lord has expressly given to little children a place among the people of God, which holy privilege must not be denied them. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how He said, "*Let the children come to Me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God.*"

### To the parents

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you; Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people everywhere? **We do.**

Will you nurture Manning Tyler in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **We will.**

### To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this family now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Manning Tyler, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

## The Baptism

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister into the body of Christ.

**Through baptism we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

## Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 34: 9-14

Stan Nelson, cantor

O fear the Lord, you his \*holy ones, | for those who fear God \*have no want.

**The young lions suffer \*want and hunger, | but those who seek the Lord lack \*no good thing.**

Come, O children, lis\*ten to me, | I will teach you the fear \*of the Lord.

**Which of you de\*sires life | and covets many days to \*enjoy good?**

Keep your \*tongue from evil, and your lips from speak\*ing deceit.

**Depart from evil, \*and do good; | seek peace, and \*pursue it.**

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

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.**



## The Lesson

Genesis 37

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

## Sermon

You Are Invited: To Dream

Rev. Hill Carmichael

## Hymn 451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

## Prayers of the People

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

## Anthem

Ain'a That Good News!  
Stan Nelson, soloist

Spiritual, arr. William L. Dawson

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

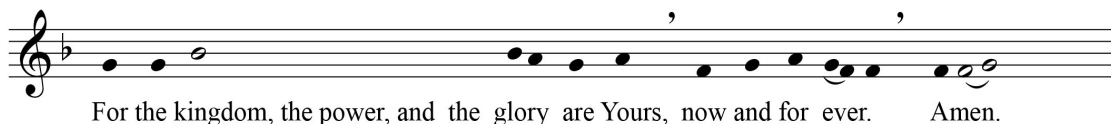
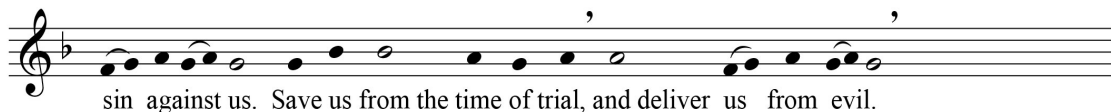
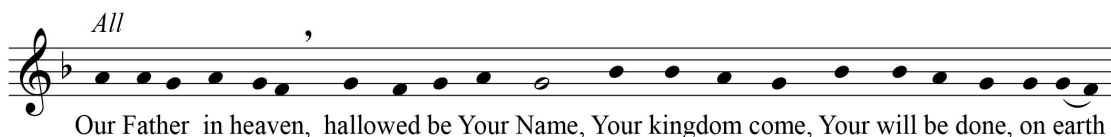
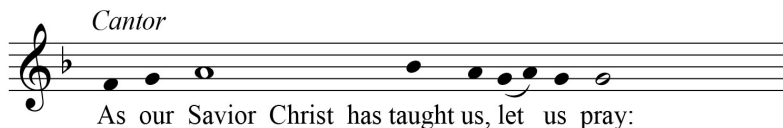
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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.**



### The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)





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?

### **Fraction Anthem**

Agnus Dei

BELL AGNUS

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

### **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.*

### **Music During Communion**

Andante Religioso, Op. 74  
Andrew Robertson, clarinet

Bernhard Müller

### **\* 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**

Ted Taylor (Tracy Sproule's father).....August 9, 2024  
Kathie Bloom (Martin Bloom's wife, David & Janey Bloom's mother).....August 14, 2024

### **From the Music Department**

Our own Andrew Robertson brings a musical offering on his last Sunday with us before returning to the Eastman School of Music for another year of study.

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### **PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM**

MANNING TYLER DEWITZ

August 9, 2023

Parents: Kendal & Tyler Dewitz

Grandparents: Mike & Kerri Dewitz, David & Pam Terreson

Great-grandparents: Virginia Terreson, Horst Dewitz

# Happening at Canterbury

## Youth@Canterbury

### **7th grade Meeting & Registration | This Morning | 11:45 AM**

7th grade parents are invited to the YAC 7th grade meeting today at 11:45 AM in the Youth Center. We'll be going over all things YAC and Confirmation, so you'll want to be there! We ask that at least one parent attend the meeting, and students are welcome to also join us! If you haven't registered your 7th grader for the Confirmation year, please go to the YAC website to sign them up. Questions? Email [elizabeth.hayes@canterburyumc.org](mailto:elizabeth.hayes@canterburyumc.org).

### **YAC IS BACK | Tonight | 5-7 PM**

All 7th-12th grade students are invited to join the YAC Herd tonight from 5-7 PM for our YAC Fall Kickoff that we're calling "YAC is Back"! We'll have inflatables, food, giveaways and more! Students can be dropped off at the front entrance or at the side entrance by the kitchen. Friends are always welcome, so bring them on!

### **Midweek | Returns August 28 | 6-7 PM**

YAC's Wednesday night programming is called MidWeek, and it starts back on August 28 from 6-7 PM! We'll start off in the Youth Center. MidWeek will include a game, a lesson, and a great time with your friends! All 7th-12th graders will begin together, and then we will 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.

## Kids@Canterbury

### **3rd Grade Bible Presentation & 3rd Grade Faith Milestone | August 25**

On Sunday, August 25, our 3rd grade students will take part in their Faith Milestone during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 AM as they will receive their very own Bible from Canterbury. Watch for more details!

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

This year we are including 4th graders in the Rise community of 5th & 6th graders. Make sure to sign up your child for our first RISE retreat on September 20-21, held in conjunction with Asbury UMC and Grace UMC. This will be a super fun fall weekend at Camp Sumatanga. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

## SAGE Opportunities

### **engAGE Lunch & Learn | August 22 | 11:30 AM**

Do you have an aging parent or loved one? The next engAGE Lunch and Learn will be August 22 from 11:30-1:00 PM in Canterbury Hall. The topic is WHAT'S NEXT? Putting the right pieces in place to be better prepared to care for an aging loved one. It will be led by a panel of four local experts. Lunch is \$10. Sign up today by emailing Valerie Boyd at [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

### **Legacy Luncheon | August 27 | 12 Noon**

Every month, Canterbury members and people from all over our community come together for a great lunch prepared by Canterbury Chef, Debbie Lofton. Come enjoy fellowship while being entertained by singers, dancers, musicians, or professional speakers. Join us at Noon in Canterbury Hall on August 27 to hear from and to meet Canterbury's new Director of Children's Ministry, Eleanor Christiansen. Lunch is \$5. RSVP by emailing Valerie Boyd at [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

## Adult Opportunities

### Wednesday Night Dinner & Studies | Return August 28

It's time to register for a fall study! Make plans to join your church family for dinner at 5 PM and stay for a small group study at 6 PM. Studies kickoff on Wednesday, August 28. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

### Spiritual Practices and the Enneagram | September 6 & 7

Canterbury is hosting a special event on September 6 & 7 featuring Rev. Joseph and Suzanne Stabile. Our ways of connecting with God are as varied as our Enneagram numbers. This 2-day workshop will walk participants through varied spiritual practices, practical application and expectations, and the struggles and benefits that each enneagram personality presents along the way. Cost: \$99. Friday, September 6 from 6-9 PM & Saturday, September 7 from 9 AM-5 PM. Register: [www.lifeinthetrinityministry.com/alabama](http://www.lifeinthetrinityministry.com/alabama)

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

## Support Groups at Canterbury

### Grief Care | Session 1 Begins August 21 | 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. Two sessions will be offered on Wednesdays at 12 Noon in Room M200.

- Led by Annie Skinner, 8/21-9/25

- Led Hill Carmichael, 10/9-11/13

Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

### Mental Health Caregiver Support Group | Begins September 11

Thank you, Canterbury, for the feedback you provided through the recent survey on mental health. From the data collected, we've developed a 4-week program starting on September 11 that contains helpful sessions designed to support and equip persons caring for family members with mental health challenges. This support group is co-sponsored by United Counseling and all sessions will be led by professionals from our community. It will be held on four Wednesday evenings at 6 PM in Room 208.

1: Understanding Depression & Anxiety

2: Nurturing Children with Mental Health Challenges

3: Caring for Parents with Mental Health Challenges

4: Supporting Yourself, Boundaries and Self Care

Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://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 Etheredg in Room M200.

Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

# FALL KICKOFF

*make plans to join us*

**WEDNESDAY  
AUG. 21**

**5-7 PM  
CHAPEL LOT**



**Free Dinner!**  
Cornhole Tournament  
Inflatables for Kids  
Games & Prizes

*featuring*

**THREE ON A STRING**

*It's great*  
TO BE AT

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