

# ***New Traditions***

***August 4, 2024***



**Canterbury**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 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)



**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

**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.

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# 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 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

## Collect

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

**Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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!

## Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 51: 1-5, 10-13

Stan Nelson, cantor

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your \*steadfast love;

**according to your abundant mercy blot out \*my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my in\*iquity, and cleanse me \*from my sin!

**For I know \*my transgressions, and my sin is e\*ver against me.**

Against you, you only, \*have I sinned, and done that which is evil \*in your sight, so that you are justified \*in your sentence and blameless \*in your judgment.

**Behold, I was born into in\*iquity, and I have been sinful since my mother con\*ceived me.**

Create in me a clean \*heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit \*within me.

**Cast me not away \*from your presence, and take not your holy Spi\*rit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of \*your salvation, and sustain in me a \*willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgress\*ors your ways, and sinners will re\*turn to you.**

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.**



Sha - lom,      Sha - lom,      the peace of God be here.      Sha - lom,      Sha - lom,      God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

## The Lesson

Acts 20: 7-12

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

## Sermon

Church in Acts: Paying Attention

Rev. Hill Carmichael

## Hymn 475

Come Down, O Love Divine, vv. 1 and 3

DOWN AMPNEY

## Prayers of the People

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

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

## Anthem

The Heart's Offering

Antony Baldwin

As I rise with the dawn, may my soul be reborn;  
Take this heart all forlorn, and refresh me in the morn. Alleluia!  
In the warmth of the day I consider thy way.  
May thy love ever stay in my heart, O Lord I pray. Alleluia!  
In the still of the night, as I think on the light  
In my heart burning bright, keep me precious in thy sight. Alleluia!  
God of each living thing, bless the gift that we bring.  
Take our hearts' offering while in joyful praise we sing. Alleluia!

## \* Doxology & Wesley's Grace

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**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

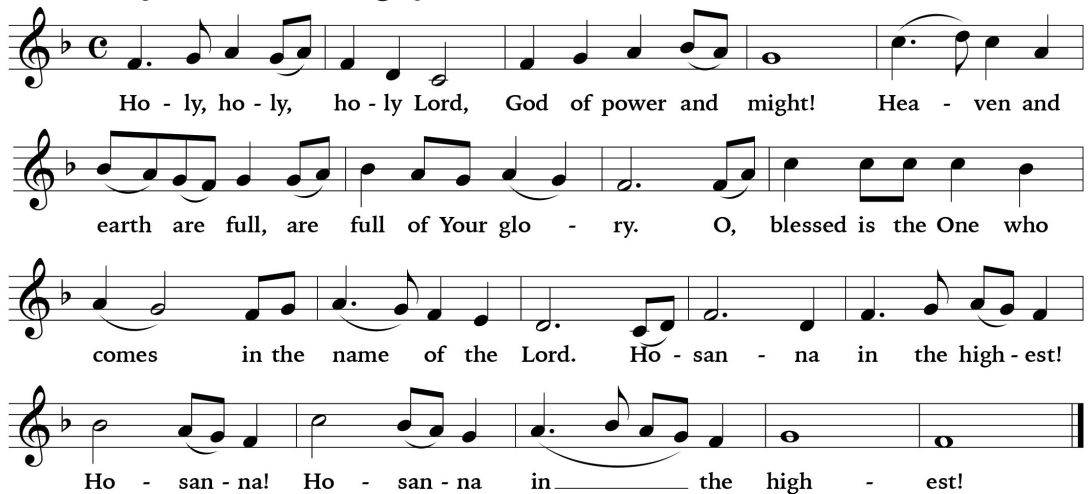
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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!



## Music During Communion

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

J. Ossewaarde

Draw us in the spirit's tether, for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

### \* 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 Life of

Kathy Roebuck (Amy Cullen & Emily Roebuck's mother).....July 31, 2024

# Happening at Canterbury

## Choir Opportunities

**Join the Choir!** If you love to sing, what better way to serve in worship than by being part of the Canterbury Choir? Contact Lester Seigel at [lcseigel@bellsouth.net](mailto:lcseigel@bellsouth.net) for more information!

**Recital This Evening** Canterbury Choir baritone Daniel Seigel and choir alumna Macey Rowland, soprano are offering "The Art of the Duet," a free recital at 5:00 PM on August 4 at Brock Recital Hall on the Samford campus, with Lester Seigel, pianist. All are invited to attend.

## Youth@Canterbury

### Register for Confirmation 2024-2025

It's time to register your rising 7th grade student for Confirmation! It's a wonderful and immersive experience for our 7th graders where they begin to take ownership of their own faith, develop friendships and connect to their church family. Register at: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth)

## Kids@Canterbury

### Faith Milestone Event for 3K "I Can Go to Sunday School" | August 11 | 9:15 AM

A new program called Faith Milestones is a yearly event for every child at Canterbury to mark an important step in their faith development. Each month, one age group will celebrate their developmental stage and connect it to the life of the church. The first Faith Milestone is for our 3Ks on Sunday, August 11 at 9:15 AM. Our hope is that we will introduce our kids to some of the essential practices of what it means to be a young disciple of Christ while having a lot of fun together too! Register at: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

### Welcome Back Sunday | August 18 | 9:15 AM

On August 18, we invite you to a new way to kick off the school year at Canterbury. We will host a "meet the teacher" style event for kids and their parents to find their new classrooms and to meet their teachers in the kids' area. Afterwards, we invite you and your kids to join us in Canterbury Hall for a donut party and a time to hear about the new dreams we are nurturing for our church's children.

## Adult Opportunities

### Book Club Returns August 5 | 11:30 AM

It's back and will be held on the 1st Monday of each month! (8/5-4/1) Join us from 11:30 AM–12:30 PM in Room M226 for great discussion and fellowship. The August reading selection is *Trust the Whisper: How Answering Quiet Callings Inspires Extraordinary Stories of Ordinary Grace* by Kathy Izzard. To reserve a lunch (\$12) please email [clare.mallette@canterburyumc.org](mailto:clare.mallette@canterburyumc.org). Register at: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

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

- Wednesday Evening Bible Study - led by Keith Thompson  
6-7 PM in Room M209, Wesley Hall (ongoing)
- Genesis: The Beginning - led by Lisa Donnell and John Hutchinson  
6-7 PM in Room M228-229 (ongoing)
- Introduction to the Psalms - led by Bishop Mike Watson  
6-7 PM in Room M226  
An overview of the Psalms, an ancient book of worship which John Wesley referred to as, "A rich treasury of devotion." Participants are encouraged to bring their Bibles.
- Christian - led by Natalie Moon and Matthew Montgomery  
6-7 PM in Room M227  
In *Christian*, Andy Stanley offers a better term to describe Christians—and leads us through what Christianity should look like today in light of Jesus' teachings.
- Healthy Relationships - led by Annie Skinner  
5:30-7:30 PM in the Small Dining Room  
Bring your Wednesday night dinner to eat in class. Please register for childcare at least 48 hours in advance by emailing Selena Pitsch at [selena.pitsch@canterburyumc.org](mailto:selena.pitsch@canterburyumc.org).

### 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. For more details and to register, visit: [www.lifeinthetrinityministry.com/alabama](http://www.lifeinthetrinityministry.com/alabama)

### New! Men's Bible Study | Begins September 12 | 6:30 AM

Hill Carmichael is starting a new study for men ages 35-50. It will kick off on September 12 at 6:30 AM in Room M208, and will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Register at: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## **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).

## **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 at: [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.

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

## **United Methodist Women**

### **UMW Summer Meal Series at Davenport's | August 14 | 5-9 PM**

Meet us on Wednesday, August 14 at Davenport's Pizza (Mtn. Brook location) from 5-9 PM. Eat in or take out! Be sure to mention "Canterbury Fundraiser" when you check out so UMW will receive a portion of the proceeds. The funds raised will help support deserving not-for-profit organizations.

# 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

**CANTERBURY**

