



New Traditions

May 18, 2025



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



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

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 email Breana Stallings at breana.stallings@canterburyumc.org with any questions about the 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 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

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.

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

Church Office: 205.871.4695

To Join: matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org
205.868.6590 x2327

Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, vv. 1-4, 7

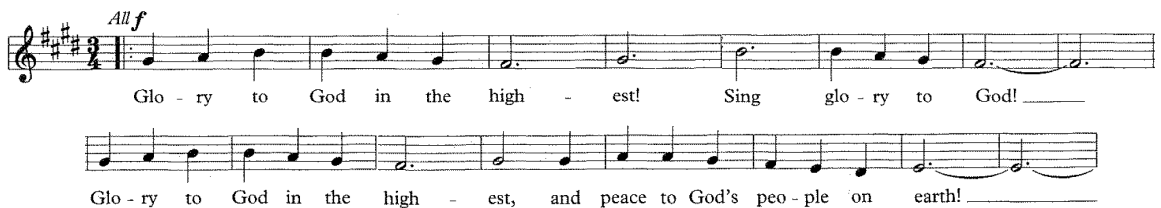
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Collect

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 148: 1-6, 13-14

Stan Nelson, cantor

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord *from the heavens, | praise the Lord, *in the heights!

Praise the Lord, *all his angels, | praise the Lord, *all his hosts!

Praise the Lord, *sun and moon, | praise the Lord, all *shining stars!

Praise the Lord, *highest heavens, | and all waters a*bove the heavens!

Let them praise the name *of the Lord, | who commanded and they were *created,

who established them for e*ver and ever | and fixed their bounds which can*not be passed.

Let them praise the name *of the Lord | whose name alone is exalted,

whose glory is above *earth and heaven.

**God has raised up a horn *for his people, | praise for all his faithful ones,
for the people of Israel who are *near their God.**

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

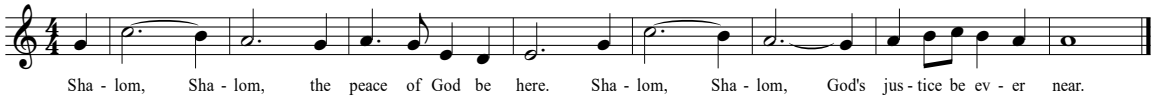
Kyrie 482

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.**



* Gospel Alleluia (*Sung before and after the Gospel Lesson*)



Gospel Lesson

Luke 5: 17-26

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

Sermon

Resurrection Stories: Time to Save God's People
We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For

Rev. Tori Hastings

Hymn 390

Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive

LAND OF REST

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

There is a Balm in Gilead
Stan Nelson, solo

Spiritual, arr. Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all.

* 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, Almighty God, 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:



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 God, 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.*

Hymn During Communion 629

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

*** 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**

Congratulations to

Angie & Ryan Killingsworth, proud parents of a baby girl, Lyla Killingsworth, born on April 11, 2025.

2025

class of

CONGRATS



Nathan James Albert
Mountain Brook High School
Colorado School of Mines



Joshua Slade Anderson, Jr.
Mountain Brook High School
University of Alabama



Lucy Elizabeth Beasley
Mountain Brook High School
Auburn University



John Farris Chapman, Jr.
Mountain Brook High School
University of Alabama



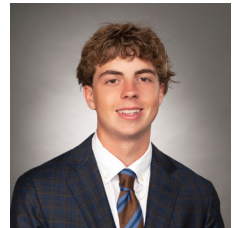
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Mountain Brook High School
Auburn University



Harrison Andrews Dukes
Mountain Brook High School
Mississippi State University



George Acton Dumas, Jr.
Mountain Brook High School
Auburn University



Haston Charles Emblom
Mountain Brook High School
Troy University



Lawton Armstrong Emblom
Mountain Brook High School
Troy University



Walter Jackson Garner, Jr.
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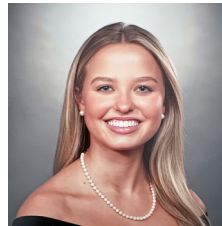
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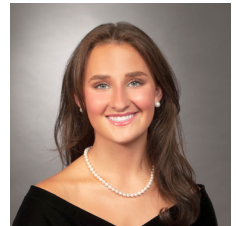
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Langston Claire Lilly
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Samford University



Ivey Elise Patton
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University of Mississippi



Margaret Ann Skinner
Mountain Brook High School
University of Alabama



Jackson Vaughn Skinner
Mountain Brook High School
Mississippi State University



Mark Shaw Torbert, Jr.
Mountain Brook High School
Auburn University



William Curtis Weaver III
Mountain Brook High School
Oglethorpe University



William Brian Woodke
Mountain Brook High School
University of Georgia



Virginia Olivia Worthen
Mountain Brook High School
Auburn University

Happening at Canterbury

Birmingham Boys Choir Spring Concert | May 18 | 2:30 PM The Birmingham Boys Choir presents its 47th annual spring concert on Sunday, May 18 at 2:30 PM in the Canterbury Sanctuary. All are invited! The concert is free and is the Choir's gift to the community.

Summer Combined Worship | Begins May 25 in the Sanctuary | 10:30 AM June Schedule

June 1 — Contemporary Worship
June 8 — Sanctuary Worship
June 15 — Contemporary Worship
June 22 — Sanctuary Worship
June 29 — Contemporary Worship

ENCOURAGERS Interest This fall, Canterbury will launch Encouragers - an intergenerational women's program. The goal is to form many small groups of all ages to meet together once a month for a year for fellowship, prayer and service. Sign up to be a part of it at: bit.ly/43pCwfe

Kids Summer Camp & Events Register today for everything we have in store for your kids this summer at Canterbury at www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children.

YAC Summer Trips & Getaways

Summer booklets are here! Make sure to pick one up for your student at the round desk!

- June 6-8 — Sr. High Lake Trip
- June 23-26 — Jr. High Adventure Trip
- July 13-18 — Magic City Work Week
- May 28 — Six Flags Getaway
- June 11 — Activate Getaway
- June 18 — Braves Game Getaway

Sign up: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#summer

Legacy Luncheon | May 27 | 12 Noon Join us for a very special luncheon with Dr. John Waits from Freedom Farm, homes for abused, abandoned, neglected and at-risk kids. Learn how this amazing ministry is changing the lives of children and families by giving them the "freedom to soar" and to succeed in a loving home where God and faith are the center. Lunch is \$5. Please RSVP by May 22 to Valerie at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Share Your Easter Photos

We are updating Canterbury's membership database and would like to add a photo of you or of you and your family. If you took a picture here on Easter morning, or if you have another recent photo you prefer, please email it to directory@canterburyumc.org.



Women's Health & Menopause Interest Survey We're exploring the possibility of hosting an event focused on all of the stages of menopause and what women of all ages can do to support their long term health. Please scan the QR code to share your valuable feedback. It will help us shape an event that will meet these needs.

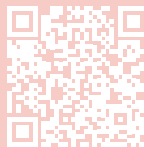


SUMMER EVENTS



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