

How to be
♥ Human



New Traditions

November 10, 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



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 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 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

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To Join: matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org
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Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

Collect

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 146: 1-7, 10

Stan Nelson, cantor

Praise *the Lord! | Praise the Lord, *O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long *as I live; | I will sing praises to my God while *I have being.

Put not your *trust in princes, | in mortals, in whom there *is no help.

Their breath departs, they return *to the earth; | on that very day *their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is in the *God of Jacob, | **whose hope is in the *Lord, their God,** who made hea*ven and earth, | the sea, and all *that is in them.

who keeps *faith forever; | who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food *to the hungry.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, from generation to *generation. | **Praise *the Lord!**

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

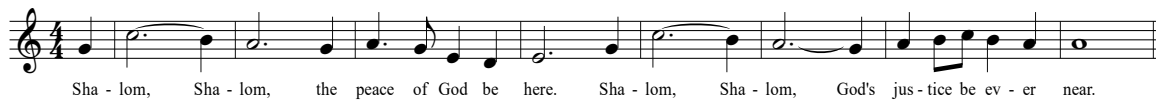
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

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

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

Sermon

How to Be Human: The Epidemic of Blindness

Rev. Tori Hastings

Hymn 378

Amazing Grace, vv. 1, 4, 6

AMAZING GRACE

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

I Will Arise

Sacred Harp, arr. Parker-Shaw

* **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."

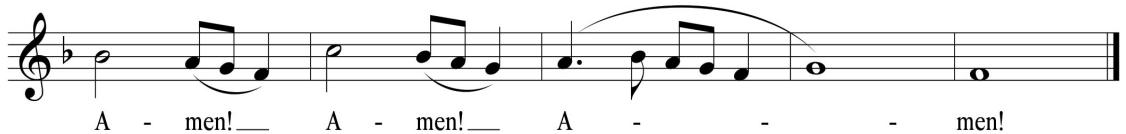
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

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)

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?

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

Bread of the World

Ian Brentnall

* 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

Steve Nichols (Cindy Bowron's brother).....November 2, 2024

Brittin "Britt" Coleman (Jane Coleman's husband).....November 3, 2024

Happening at Canterbury

Adult Opportunities

Sunday Bus Drivers Needed for Brookdale

If you are looking for a rewarding way to help at Canterbury on Sunday mornings, we have just the thing! Additional bus drivers are needed to pick up residents from Brookdale Senior Living and bring them to Sunday School. The ladies are so much fun, and they appreciate the service SO MUCH! Driver shifts entail being at the church to get the bus at 8:30 AM on your assigned Sunday. (Shifts are approximately once every quarter.) Return the ladies to Brookdale after Sunday School at 10:15 AM. If interested, please contact Jennifer Dunn at jennifer.dunn@canterburyumc.org to receive driver instructions..

Happy-ish Holidays | November 20 | 11:30 AM

For all who find themselves in a tougher season of life during the holidays, you are invited to join us for a luncheon on Wednesday, November 20 in Wesley Hall. Maybe grief, illness, divorce, or another challenge has you wondering how to approach the holidays. Rev. Monica Harbarger, Director of United Counseling, will be our special guest and she will talk with us about self-care, grace for ourselves and each other, and how we can still engage hope and joy. Lunch is \$10. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/happyish-holidays

Youth@Canterbury

Register for Journey Retreat

Our Journey Retreat will be held November 22-24, and we will be going to Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL. This is a retreat for all 7th-12th graders and is an awesome weekend filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! For more details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Kids@Canterbury

1st Grade Faith Milestone | November 17 | 9:15 AM

Please register you and your 1st grader for the 1st grade milestone “I Can Touch the Water” on November 17 during the Sunday School hour. We will be learning about Baptism and how it teaches us who we are in God’s eyes. Please RSVP at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

United Methodist Women

November Virtual Fundraiser: 100 Women x \$100 = \$10K Goal

Please help Canterbury UMW reach their fundraising goal of \$10,000! During the month of November, UMW is holding a virtual fundraiser where they will use their social media pages to “tell the UMW story.” They will highlight acts of service and are asking for 100 women to give \$100 (or more!) to help us reach their goal. These funds are critical in providing support to many worthy organizations in the Birmingham area. With your help, they can continue to help spread the love of Christ in our community and continue the service legacy of the United Methodist Women. For more info and to donate: www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women

Outreach

Gift Collection | Samaritan Place Market: A Christmas Village | November 1-24



Canterbury, you have been so faithful over the years to provide new children's gifts to stock ASP's annual Christmas Village. This year's gift collection is underway! Shop for toys at your favorite local store or use the convenient Amazon Wish List (scan QR code).

Financial donations are always welcome. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to Canterbury by November 24. The shopping event for families will be held at ASP on December 4-5.

ASP Pickleball Tournament | November 24 | 12:30-6:30 PM

On Sunday afternoon, November 24, Avondale Samaritan Place will host the "Pickle & Pours" fundraising event at Magic City Pickleball Club. By participating you will have lots of fun – and will also be feeding an underserved family in our community, providing assistance through social workers to a homeless individual, providing a safe, fun space for kids to come after school, supporting a summer education program for children who are falling behind at school. To register: www.canterburyumc.org/community/avondale-samaritan-place

Advent

Carols and Cocoa | December 4 | 5 PM Dinner, 6 PM Event



The first Sunday of Advent is December 1 and we can't wait to share this special season with you at Canterbury. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 4... Carols and Cocoa returns! Let's kickoff Christmas at Canterbury in the Chapel parking lot. A hot dinner will be served from 5-6 PM in Canterbury Hall and the event begins outside at 6 PM. We will enjoy yummy hot chocolate, fire pits, fellowship and sing-along music by the Contemporary Band. Invite a friend and bring your folding chairs!

SAGE

Thanksgiving Legacy Luncheon | November 19 | 12 Noon

Join us for a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch with Bishop Mike Watson. Learn practical ways to be grateful to God in the hard times, to be thankful for what we have, to look for ways to help and be there for one another all while embracing and meeting each other right where we are...in God's hands. Lunch is \$5. Please RSVP by November 14 to Valerie at 205.874.1523 or valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.



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NOVEMBER 24

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