

It's great
TO BE AT
CANTERBURY



New Traditions
SEPTEMBER 8, 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
205.868.6590 x2327

Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

Collect

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 125

Stan Nelson, cantor

Those who trust in the Lord are like *Mount Zion, | which cannot be moved but abides *forever.

As the mountains surround Je*rusalem, | so the Lord surrounds his people from this time on and for*evermore.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted *to the righteous, | **so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to *do wrong.**

Do good, O Lord, to those *who are good | **and to those who are upright *in their hearts.** But those who turn aside to their own *crooked ways, | **the Lord will lead away with *evildoers.**

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

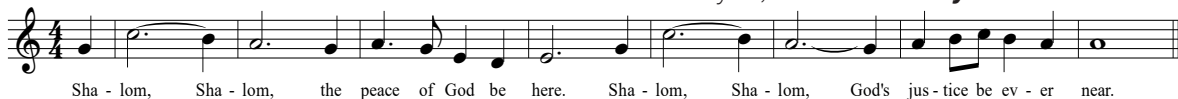
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Deuteronomy 6: 10-13

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

Sermon

It's Great to be at Canterbury: The Past

Rev. Hill Carmichael

Hymn 87

What Gift Can We Bring, vv. 1, 2, 3

ANNIVERSARY SONG

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Open Thou Mine Eyes
Jessie Mayne, solo

John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire:

Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.

O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else,

No other, nought else with thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments,

In truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and in public.

(Lancelot Andrewes, 17th c.)

* 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 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 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?

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

For the Gifts of This Creation

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For the gifts of this creation, thanks be to God; for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
For the just rewards of labor, God's will is done; in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In the worldwide task of caring, for the hungry and despairing; in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God; for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
for the love that here surrounds us, thanks be to God.

*** 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

Rebel Steiner (Susan Farlow's brother).....August 28, 2024
Lucille "Lucy" Thompson (Mike Thompson's mother).....August 30, 2024
Reginald "Reg" Baker (Peggy Baker's husband).....September 3, 2024

It's great TO BE AT **CANTERBURY**

During the month of September, we ask that you be in prayer about what your time and financial commitment will be for Canterbury's ministries in 2025. This year, we are asking all Cantaburians to prayerfully consider increasing your pledge by 5% – that small but significant increase will go a long way in providing funds to support the wonderful growth we are experiencing as a church!

We also ask that you plan to join us in worship on Commitment Sunday, September 22, when we will make our commitments together as a church and look with hope to where God is leading Canterbury in the coming year.

Thank you for supporting your church and its mission through your faith and generosity. Because of your commitment and love, it allows our church community to continue to say...
"It's Great to be at Canterbury!"



To make your pledge online, scan the QR code or visit www.canterburyumc.org/giving.



It's great to be at Canterbury!

It is a loving, caring second home for our family that mercifully is always there for us. From times of joy to times of loss, Canterbury is our church home.

CHRISTI & BEN LUNSFORD

Consider the 5% challenge!

- If your pledge is \$100 consider making a pledge of \$105.
- If your pledge is \$1,000 consider making a pledge of \$1,050.
- If your pledge is \$5,000 consider making a pledge of \$5,250.
- If your pledge is \$10,000 consider making a pledge of \$10,500.
- If your pledge is \$20,000 consider making a pledge of \$21,000.

Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge by 5%. It could make a big difference!

Happening at Canterbury

UMW Fall Kickoff Coffee | September 9 | 10:30 AM

United Methodist Women will host their annual fall coffee tomorrow morning at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. Eleanor Christiansen, Director of Children's Ministry, will be speaking. You do not have to be a member of UMW to attend. All are invited to be a part of this great, church-wide women's ministry!

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.

Wesley Heritage Tour Interest Meeting | September 15 | 11:30 AM

Join Rev. Tori Hastings and fellow Canterburians on a Wesley Heritage Tour June 4-12, 2025. You will spend nine days in England touring Coventry, Epworth, Cotswolds, Stratford, Oxford, Bristol, Wesley's London and much more. Starting from \$4,248 per person. Join us in Wesley Hall after worship on Sunday, September 15 for an interest meeting. For more details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages

Youth@Canterbury

Midweek | Wednesdays | 6-7 PM

MidWeek is from 6-7 PM each Wednesday night - it includes a game, a lesson, and a great time with friends! All 7th-12th graders begin together in the Youth Center, and then 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. Join us!

Kids@Canterbury

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

Make sure to register your 4th-6th grader for the RISE retreat to be held on September 20-21, held in conjunction with Asbury UMC and Grace UMC. This will be a super fun fall weekend at Camp Sumatanga.

For more details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Encore

Encore Volunteer Training | September 16 | 9AM - 12 Noon

Now is the time to plug in to Encore! We need you! Join us on Monday, September 16 for a new volunteer training - or for a refresher training for current volunteers! This is THE most rewarding experience where you can make a difference in the lives of people living with memory loss and their families. It's very flexible and can adapt to anyone's schedule! To register, email Patti Williams at encorepatti@gmail.com.

SAGE

Legacy Luncheon Featuring Tom Roberts | September 17 | 12 Noon

Join us to hear the life and career of Canterbury's very own Tom Roberts. Tom has worked alongside future NBA stars, NFL legends, Olympians, National Champions and college athletics' most successful coaches. He's been a first-hand witness to some of the greatest moments in collegiate sports, particularly Alabama football. Join us in Canterbury Hall for a delicious lunch and hear the amazing stories from Tom's wonderful career in sports. And you might just see a few surprise guests as well. Please RSVP by September 12 by emailing Valerie Boyd at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Outreach

Churchwide Day of Service | October 27 | 9:30 AM - 12 Noon

For years, Canterbury's Outreach ministries have been guided by Jesus' words in Matthew 25. On Sunday morning, October 27, our church will experience this passage as we worship together through hands-on service from 9:30 AM-12 Noon. Please make plans to join us as we live out our call to love 'the least of these' and for a day to remember that 'It's Great to Serve With Canterbury!' We will need over 500 volunteers to make this day a success, so grab your friends and family and make sure to be a part of it!

Projects Include:

- SWEET POTATO DROP - Volunteers Needed: 200
- FLOOD BUCKET PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 40
- LITTLE BROWN BAG PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 75
- RISE AGAINST HUNGER FINALE - Volunteers Needed: 150
- THANKSGIVING CARDS for PRISONERS - Volunteers Needed: 25
- KIDS ACTIVITIES - Volunteers Needed: 25
- LETTER WRITING BLAST - Volunteers Needed: 20
- FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TEAM - Volunteers Needed: 10
- SAGE ACTIVITY for HOMEBOUND - Volunteers Needed: 30

For full details on each of these projects and to reserve your spot, please visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/outreach

ASP Pickle & Pours Pickleball Tournament | November 17

Save the date! Avondale Samaritan Place will host a super fun fundraising event on Sunday, November 17 at Magic City Pickleball Club. Registration details are coming soon. All are invited to come and join the fun! If you would like to be a Corporate Sponsor for the event, please email leighann.sisson@gmail.com.

Support Groups at Canterbury

Mental Health Caregiver Support Group | Begins September 11

The first session in this 4-week series is "Understanding Depressions and Anxiety." The CDC tells us that 17% of people in the US express symptoms of anxiety disorder. This percentage is highest in young adults, yet these symptoms exist across the age scale. Depression statistics are similar. Helping our family members with anxiety and depression can require a lot from us and can feel isolating. Please join us for a practical and encouraging session with Dr. Choban Porter - a licensed psychologist who specializes in stress management, anxiety, depression, and anger. We hope you will join in this community of support and encouragement.

Register: 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: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults



Thank You for Joining Us Today!