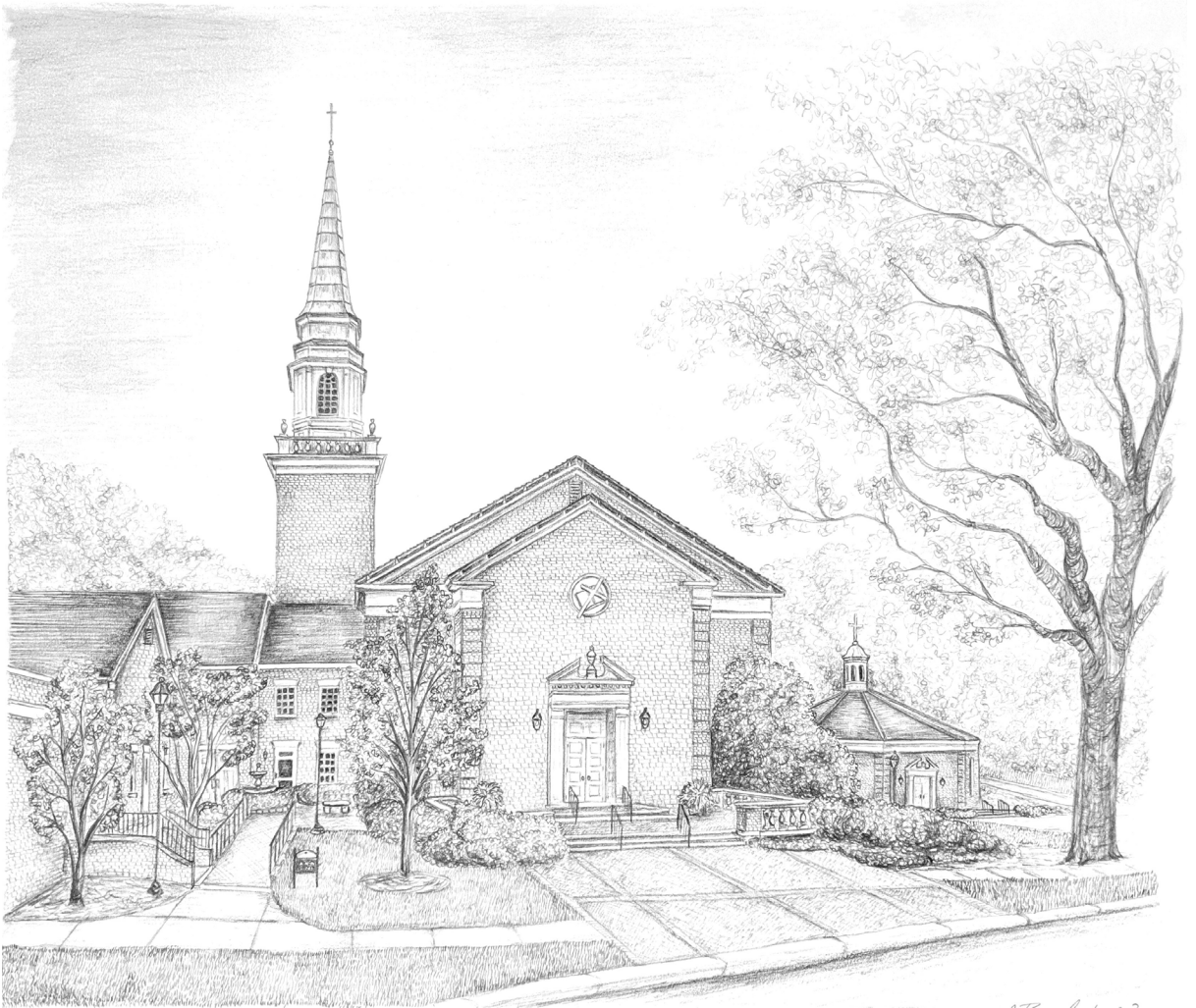


Sanctuary Worship

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday after Easter



Canterbury
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thank you for visiting!

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. Sam Williamson

Pastor - Rev. Matthew Montgomery

Children's Pastor - Rev. Ruth Grissom

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.

Children's Ministry at Canterbury begins at birth. 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.

Things to Know:

- *Hearing assist devices are now available – ask an usher for assistance*
- *The Children's Comfort Room is a place where you may sit with your child. It is adjacent to the Narthex*

Watch Online We understand the challenges you face and we strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us. Our New Traditions, Sanctuary and Contemporary worship services are available on our website.

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

Voluntary

Sicilienne

Gabriel Fauré

Welcome and Announcements

- * **Processional Hymn 158** Come, Christians, Join to Sing SPANISH HYMN
- * **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
- * **Gloria Patri**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.
- * **Passing of the Peace** *The Peace of the Lord be with you, and also with you.*

Children's Moment

Cooper Thompson

Baptism

Maren Louise Smith and William Harrison Blount

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 Maren Louise and William Harrison in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their 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 Maren Louise and William Harrison, 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 brother and 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 members of the family of Christ.

Anthem

O Sons and Daughters

arr. Parker/Shaw

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,
O'er death and hell rose triumphing. Alleluia! Alleluia!
When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!
"My pierced side, O Thomas, see: My hands, my feet, I show to thee;
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia! Alleluia!
No longer Thomas then denied, he saw the feet, the hands, the side:
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

The Song of Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, eternal Light of the earth and sky,
We kneel in adoration; O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye!

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace, all-consuming,
Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,
And rouse our slumbering souls with Thy radiance, all-illuminating,
That they may waken Thy mercy to tell!
O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,
Who here are gathered on penitent knee,
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine everlasting glory
And these Thy gifts we return unto Thee.

* **Doxology**

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. Amen.**

* **Gospel Procession 327**

Crown Him With Many Crowns, v. 1

DIADEMATA

The Gospel Lesson

John 20: 19 - 30

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel Procession 327**

Crown Him With Many Crowns, v. 4

DIADEMATA

Sermon

All Things New: Behind Closed Doors

Rev. Keith Thompson

* **Closing Hymn 451**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* **Dismissal & Blessing**

* **Recessional Prayer**

Ted Clark, cantor

Congratulations to

Andy & Lindsay Bass, the proud parents of a baby girl, Sarah Katherine Bass, born on April 5, 2024.

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

MAREN LOUISE SMITH

April 8, 2021

Parents: Melanie Webb Smith & Cody Leroy Smith

Grandparents: Leroy Smith, Louann Porter,
Larry Webb, Lisa Webb

Great-Grandmother: Sue Sanford

WILLIAM HARRISON BLOUNT

June 14, 2023

Parents: Elizabeth Hamlin Blount &
Jesse Harrison Blount

Sibling: Elizabeth Hamlin Blount

Grandparents: Elizabeth & Robert Hamlin, Nancy
Blount, Bill & Diane Blount

Godparents: Nikki Raymond, Lauren Gutterman,
John Lawson Robinson & John Brooks Blackmon

Happening at Canterbury

Info Session | Today | Following the Service

The United Methodist Church will hold General Conference in Charlotte, NC at the end of this month. To answer any questions you may have, we are holding an information session this morning in Canterbury Hall immediately following this service.

Wednesday Night Outreach Sessions | 6 PM

We are enjoying this great new set of informative sessions that are taking place on Wednesday nights at 6 PM in Room 226. April 17 - CPR Training / April 24 - Wellhouse / May 1 - Urban Ministries
For full details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

New Opportunity! engAGE Lunch and Learn | April 18 | 11:30 AM

Join us as we learn how to navigate the seasons of our lives. Through this new program, we will offer quarterly Lunch and Learn gatherings featuring informative topics on aging and how to live our best lives. The first one is this week, April 18 from 11:30 AM - 1 PM. We will hear from Valerie Boyd, as she shares about successful aging. Lunch is \$10. Please register at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/sage-adults

Legacy Luncheon | April 23 | 12 Noon

Please join us as we welcome Canterbury's very own Allen Baynes to share his long running NFL referee career and his latest adventure in refereeing this year's Superbowl. Allen will share stories, photos and his family history of being a part of the NFL organization. Come and ask all the questions that you have always wanted to know about the great sport of football on April 23 from 12-1 PM in Canterbury Hall. Lunch is \$5. RSVP to Valerie at 205-874-1523 or valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

UMW Spring Meeting & Luncheon | May 6 | 10:30 AM

All are invited to the UMW spring meeting and luncheon that will be held on May 6 at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. Guest speaker will be Michael Wilson, Executive Director of Avondale Samaritan Place. (\$17) You do not have to be a UMW member to attend! Please email Susan Yarbrow at myarbrow35223@yahoo.com to sign up.

Side by Side Community Chorus Concert | May 14 | 2 PM

Encore's Side by Side Community Chorus will present their spring benefit concert on May 14 at 2:00 PM in Canterbury Hall. This hard working and dedicated group of friends will share a fun and upbeat performance! Mark your calendar, see you there!

YAC Summer Events | Register Now

Summer is one of our favorite times at YAC, and we want your student to be a part of Senior High Lake Trip, Jr. High BigStuf Trip & Mission Week! For info, dates and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Vacation Bible Camp Volunteers Are Needed | June 10-13

One of the most fun weeks of the summer is coming June 10-13 and @kids_canterbury needs MANY adult volunteers to make VBC a huge SUCCESS! Questions? Contact Ruth at ruth.grissom@canterburyumc.org. Sign up to be a volunteer today at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Upcoming Events

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WOMEN'S RETREAT
APRIL 26 & 27

**NEW!
PRICING
OPTIONS**

There is still time to register, and we hope you'll join us! We have heard from many of you that it might be easier to make Friday or Saturday only as opposed to the entire retreat. We have adjusted the registration and pricing options as follows:

\$30 for Friday | \$45 for Saturday | \$75 for the full weekend

On Monday, April 15 at 10 AM, the price will increase to \$100 for the full weekend or \$40 for Friday and \$60 for Saturday. Registration deadline is April 22!

**FEATURING
KATHY IZARD**

REGISTER TODAY!

www.canterburyumc.org/womens-retreat



Journeys of Paul Mediterranean Cruise

October 8-20, 2024

Join Rev. Tori Hastings, Canterbury pastors, and guest speaker Rev. Brian Erickson on a 10-night Mediterranean cruise, Journeys of Paul, October 8-20, 2024. Stops will include Cairo, Turkey, Santorini, Greece, Istanbul and more. For full details and registration info, visit: www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages
Register by May 26 to avoid extra fees!

