

# ***Sanctuary Worship***

***April 21, 2024***

*Fourth Sunday after Easter*



*Wigald Brandenburg*



**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](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. 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](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.

## **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](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**

**Church Office:** 205.871.4695

**To Join:** [matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org](mailto:matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org)  
205.868.6590 x2327

**Pastoral Care Response Line:** 205.999.4887

# Order of Worship

## Voluntary

Millicent Hawthorne, organist

## Welcome and Announcements

### \* Processional Hymn 139

Praise to the Lord

LOBE DEN HERREN

### \* 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

Ruth Grissom

## Baptism

Ruby Evelyn Karras and Elizabeth Blair O'Neal

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 Ruby Evelyn and Elizabeth Blair 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 Ruby Evelynn and Elizabeth Blair, 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 sisters 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**

Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Men

arr. Parker/Shaw

Lord Christ, when first Thou cam'st to men, upon a cross they bound thee;  
and mocked Thy saving kingship then, by thorns with which they crown'd Thee.  
and still our wrongs may weave Thee now  
new thorns to pierce that steady brow, and robe of sorrow 'round Thee.  
O wounded hands of Jesus, build in us Thy new creation;  
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled, we wait Thy revelation:  
O Love that triumphs over loss, we bring our hearts  
before Thy cross, to finish Thy salvation.

### **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**

Sing My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem

Sing my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above,  
ever watchful o'er our race, still to man extends his grace.

Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed;  
what are we that he should show so much love to us below?  
God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood,  
and, to make thy safety sure, guides us by his spirit pure.  
Sing, my soul, adore his name! Let his glory be thy theme;  
Praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

**\* 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 128**

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought, v. 1

HE LEADETH ME

**The Gospel Lesson**

John 21: 1 - 20

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

**\* Gospel Procession 128**

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought, v. 4

HE LEADETH ME

**Sermon**

All Things New: Between a Rock

Rev. Keith Thompson

**\* Closing Hymn 129**

Give To the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

**\* Dismissal & Blessing**

**\* Recessional Prayer**

**Thanksgiving for the Lives of**

Joyce Prater (Harlan Prater IV's mother).....April 14, 2024

William "Billy" Ray (Suzanne Hoy's father).....April 16, 2024

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**PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM**

RUBY EVELYNN KARRAS

June 18, 2023

Parents: Cady Minor Karras & Carter McCorrey Karras

Sibling: Henry McCorvey Karras

Grandparents: Patti Karras, Mark Karras, Randy Minor, Lynn Minor

Great-grandparents: Bobby McCorvey & Nan Karras

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ELIZABETH BLAIR O'NEAL

October 24, 2023

Parents: Emma Harms O'Neal & Alexander Fox O'Neal

Sibling: Alexander Fox O'Neal, Jr.

Grandparents: Clarissa Harms, Caroline & David O'Neal, Adele Colby, John & Mary Ann Busby



# Happening at Canterbury

## **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. There are two remaining sessions: April 24 - Wellhouse / May 1 - Urban Ministries  
For details and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## **Legacy Luncheon | April 23 | 12 Noon**

Please join us as we welcome Canterbury's very own Allen Baynes to share about 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. April 23 from 12-1 PM in Canterbury Hall. Lunch is \$5.  
RSVP to Valerie at 205-874-1523 or [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

## **National Take Back Day | April 27 | 10 AM-2 PM**

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day provides a safe and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for misuse of medications. It will be held in the Chapel parking lot on April 27 from 10 AM - 2 PM. Sponsored by the Mountain Brook Police Dept.

## **Senior Night | April 28 | 5:30-7:30 PM**

Next Sunday, April 28, we will celebrate our incredible Seniors! (5:30 PM, Canterbury Hall) All 7th-11th grade YACs are encouraged to attend to support our graduating 12th graders! The event is \$10/person for families that do not have a Senior. To register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth)

## **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 [myarbro35223@yahoo.com](mailto:myarbro35223@yahoo.com) to sign up.

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

The Side by Side Community Chorus presents "Peace, Love and Harmony" on May 14 at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. From Louis Armstrong and the Beatles to Simon and Garfunkel, they'll bring you nostalgic tunes that you will love singing along to! Donations are welcomed and will benefit Avondale Samaritan Place.

## **YAC Summer Events | Register Now**

Summer is one of our favorite times at YAC, and we want your student to be a part of the Senior High Lake Trip, Jr. High BigStuf Trip & Mission Week! For info, dates and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://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](mailto:ruth.grissom@canterburyumc.org). Sign up to be a volunteer today at: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

# Upcoming Events

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

**APRIL 26 & 27**

**Registration deadline is tomorrow, April 22!**

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 options.

Sign up today by scanning the QR code.

[www.canterburyumc.org/womens-retreat](http://www.canterburyumc.org/womens-retreat)

For more about Kathy:  
[www.kathyizard.com](http://www.kathyizard.com)

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### 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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages)  
Register by May 26 to avoid extra fees!

