



Sanctuary Worship

April 27, 2025



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. 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. Here 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 activity bags available as you enter the worship space. 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. Canterbury uses a computer check-in system as part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy. 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.

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 email 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*

Worship Online We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! All Sunday 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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Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Voluntary

Duo

Nicolas de Grigny

Welcome and Announcements

*** Processional Hymn 304**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

*** 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 Anthem

Come Christians, Join to Sing
Bella Baker, Director; Millicent Hawthorne, piano

Chriatian H. Bateman

Children's Moment

Eleanor Christensen

Baptism

Charlotte Elizabeth Francis & Margot Diane Grisham

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 Charlotte Elizabeth and Margot Diane 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 Charlotte Elizabeth and Margot Diane, 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.

Choral Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTT GART

Child of blessing, Child of promise baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

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.

Anthem

With A Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth: The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands; O sing praises to the honor of his Name,
Make his praise to be glorious!

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

*** 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 Processional 307**

Christ is Risen, v. 1

W ZLOBIE LEZY

*** Gospel Lesson**

Mark 5: 1-20

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

*** Gospel Processional 307**

Christ is Risen, v. 3

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Sermon

Resurrection Stories: Release to the Captives

Rev. Keith Thompson

*** Closing Hymn 145**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

*** Dismissal & Blessing**

*** Recessional Prayer**

Ted Clark, cantor

Congratulations to

Leigh Flowers Inskeep and Charles Wade Bice, who were wed on April 24, 2025.

Rebecca Lynn O'Neal and Patrick Michael Powers, who were wed on April 25, 2025.

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH FRANCIS

October 29, 2024

Parents: Elizabeth & Joey Francis

Grandparents: Tom & Patty Francis,

Jodi & Charlie Burson

Great Grandparents: John Shaud & Carolyn Coats

MARGOT DIANE GRISHAM

January 22, 2025

Parents: Haley & Garrett Grisham

Grandparents: Howard & Diane Winkler,

Jim & Connie Grisham

Great Grandparents: Bill & Cissy Moss

Happening at Canterbury

Kids Summer Camp & Events

All of our camps and summer events are on the website at www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children. Register today for everything we have in store for your kids this summer at Canterbury!

VBS Volunteers Needed

Our rising 4K-3rd graders are going to have a blast at VBS week, Dive Deep! We will go on our deep water adventure July 28-31 from 9 am-noon each day and will need many adult helpers to make it a SPLASH! Sign up: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Senior Night | May 4 | 5:30 PM

Let's celebrate our awesome YAC Seniors! All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us on Sunday, May 4 at 5:30 PM. RSVP by visiting: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#events

- 12th graders — we need your RSVP & info by 4/23
- 7th-11th graders — we need your RSVP by 4/30

YAC Summer Trips & Getaways

- 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

UMW General Meeting & Lunch | May 5 | 10:30 AM

On Monday, May 5, UMW's General Meeting will be held in Wesley Hall starting at 10:30 AM. After some business items are covered, Shannon Wadlington, Director of Books to Prisons, will be the guest speaker. Reserve lunches: www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women

Side by Side Spring Concert | May 13 | 2 PM

The Side by Side Community Chorus presents "A Stroll Down Broadway!" on Tuesday, May 13 from 2:00-2:45 PM in Canterbury Hall. Great for all ages! No tickets are required, but donations will be accepted at the door to benefit McCoy Adult Day Care. Please come out and support us with your presence for this special event!

Legacy Luncheon | May 27 | 12 Noon

Please join us for a very special Legacy 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 giving them the "freedom to soar" and to succeed in life by giving them an anchor, a compass, but most of all by giving them hope and a loving home where God and faith are the center. Lunch is \$5. Please RSVP by May 22 to valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.



Thank you for joining us today!