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**Sanctuary Worship**

**August 10, 2025**

## 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. 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](mailto: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](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*

**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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online)

### **Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch)

### **YouTube**

[www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC](http://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](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**

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**Membership:** Rev. Matthew Montgomery  
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**Pastoral Care Response Line:** 205.999.4887

# Order of Worship

## Voluntary

The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
Lift High the Cross

Robin Milford  
Andrew Carter

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Hill Carmichael

### \* Processional Hymn

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

HYFRYDOL

**Praise the source of faith and learning that has sparked and stoked the mind  
With a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.  
Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey  
Keep our faith for ever growing and renew our need to pray:**

**“God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art  
And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.  
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound  
Where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.**

**As two currents in a river fight each other’s undertow  
Till converging, they deliver one coherent, steady flow;  
Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,  
Till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, their source.”**

### \* 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 & Blessing of the Backpacks

Eleanor Christiansen

We are praying for the children of our church as they begin this new school year.  
We, their church family, promise to pray for them regularly as they seek to grow in their  
knowledge of you and the world you’ve created. As they make new friends, keep their eyes

open for someone who wants to belong. Help our kids show how widely you welcome every child of God.

**For your love is wide.**

As they work to learn a new thing, help them be courageous enough to keep trying. Help our kids know that you never give up on us.

**For your love is long.**

Each year our kids are growing up and becoming the people you are calling them to be. Help them keep their eyes up so they can see themselves as you see them, as beloved children of God.

**For your love is high.**

May our kids be filled with a deep compassion for others, a deep curiosity about the world, and a deep commitment to change the world for good.

**For your love is deep.**

May this prayer touch all of our hearts as we proclaim this blessing for our whole church family.

**May we all have the power to understand how wide, long, high and deep God's love is.**

**Amen.**

**Anthem**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

**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 Heart's Offering

Anthony Baldwin

As I rise with the dawn, may my soul be reborn, take this heart all forlorn and refresh me in the morn. Alleluia!

In the warmth of the day I consider thy way; may Thy love ever stay in my heart, O Lord I pray. Alleluia!

In the still of the night as I think on the light in my heart burning bright, keep me precious in Thy sight. Alleluia!

God of each living thing, bless the gift that we bring, take our heart's offering while in joyful praise we sing: Alleluia!

- \* **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.**
- \* **Hymn 601** Thy Word is a Lamp THY WORD
- The Lesson** Hebrews 11: 1-3, 16-18  
*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***
- Sermon** Eleanor Christiansen
- \* **Closing Hymn 89** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, vv. 1, 3, 4 HYMN TO JOY
- \* **Dismissal & Blessing**
- \* **Recessional Prayer** Ted Clark, cantor

**Thanksgiving for the life of**

Susan Fulton (Mark Fulton's mother).....August 3, 2025

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# Fall Kickoff

Wednesday Night Dinner & Fall Bible Studies

# August 20

**Canterbury Hall • 5-6:30 PM**

*Complimentary* Chik-Fil-A Dinner & Ice Cream Sundae Bar  
Games & Inflatables for Kids • Preview of Fall Studies

**All ages! Bring the whole crew!**

# Happening at Canterbury

## Important August Dates!

We look forward to kicking off a wonderful fall here at Canterbury! Please make note of these key dates:

- **August 17** | Regular Sunday Morning Worship Schedule Returns
- **August 17** | YAC “Rodeo” Kickoff (5-7 PM)
- **August 20** | Fall Kickoff Event for Wed. Night Dinner & Studies (5-6:30 PM Canterbury Hall)
- **August 27** | Wednesday Night Dinner (5-6 PM Canterbury Hall)  
Bible Studies Begin (6 PM)  
Youth & Kids Activities (6 PM)

## Fall Bible Studies | Register Now

### Begin Wednesday, August 27 at 6 PM

Our Pastors and Staff are teaching “Fall Favorites,” their favorite books of the Bible. Register now for Sessions 1 & 2, there are so many to choose from!

- ACTS - Hill Carmichael
- JOHN - Rick Owen
- REVELATION - Keith Thompson
- JOB - Matthew Montgomery
- PSALMS - Mike Watson
- JAMES - Tori Hastings
- GENESIS - Eleanor Christiansen & Natalie Moon
- JONAH - Annie Skinner
- PAUL - Lisa Donnell & Team

Sign up: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## Sunday Morning Volunteer Lunch & Training TODAY August 10 | 11:30 AM

Do you love Sunday mornings? Is hospitality your gift? Come serve in one or more of our amazing ministries! After the 10:30 AM service this morning, we will have a lunch in the Small Dining Room for all Sunday morning greeters, guides, ushers, and anyone who wants to join in these important ministries!

## Love Again Toy Drive | Now Through August 17

Clean out those toy boxes and closets! Drop off good-condition toys and games (no furniture) in the AtticPlus truck parked in the Chapel lot. Donations will be delivered to Camden, AL, on August 20. Questions: [ashleemcqueen@gmail.com](mailto:ashleemcqueen@gmail.com)

## New Small Group for Young Married Couples Cookout | August 24 | 6 PM

Are you married, under 35, and looking to build community with others in the same season of life? Join us this fall for a brand-new small group led by Tommy and Leigh Ann Sisson. To kick things off, join us for a cookout on Sunday, August 24 at 6 PM. RSVP: [matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org](mailto:matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org)

## Legacy Luncheon | August 26 | 12 Noon

Join us for a fun-filled Legacy Luncheon with The Basement Band—lifelong friends Lewis, Mike, and Vic, who turned basement jam sessions into a classic oldies adventure. Enjoy great food, good company, and toe-tapping tunes as we kick off the fall season in Canterbury Hall. (Lunch \$5) RSVP: [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org)

## NEXT STEPS | Begins September 7

This Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to continue building connections with others. If you are interested in making Canterbury your church home, please join us on 9/7, 9/14 & 9/21.

RSVP: [becky.king@canterburyumc.org](mailto:becky.king@canterburyumc.org)



**Regular Sunday Morning Worship Schedule Returns**

**Next Sunday, August 17.**

New Traditions Worship | 8:15 AM, Chapel  
Contemporary Worship | 10:30 AM, Canterbury Center  
Sanctuary Worship | 10:30 AM, Sanctuary

Sunday School | 9:15-10:15 AM

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