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Sanctuary Worship

AUGUST 18, 2024

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. 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 Selena Pitsch at selena.pitsch@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

Andante Religioso, Op. 74
Andrew Robertson, clarinet

Bernhard Müller

Welcome and Announcements

* **Processional Hymn 108** God Hath Spoken by the Prophets EBENEZER

* **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.*

Solo

Agnus Dei
Layla Tajmir, soprano

Georges Bizet

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Baptism

John Henry Anderson

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 John Henry in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself to profess his 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 John Henry, 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 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 a member of the family of Christ.

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

Ain'a That Good News!
Stan Nelson, soloist

Spiritual, arr. William L. Dawson

I got a crown up in the Kingdom, ain'a that good news!
I'm a going to lay down this world, going to shoulder up my cross,
Going to take it home to my Jesus, ain-a that good news!
I got a robe up in the Kingdom, ain'a that good news! ...
I got a Savior in the Kingdom, ain'a that good news! ...

*** 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 206**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, vv. 1, 2

HOUSTON

*** Children’s Moment & Blessing of the Backpacks**

Eleanor Christiansen

God, bless these young lives as they begin a new school year. Help them to remember that you are always with them and that our love is always with them, too. May their year be full of growth, kindness, love and joy. And most of all, help each one of these children to continue to grow closer to you. In Jesus’s name we pray, Amen.

The Lesson

Acts 2: 14-18

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

Sermon

You Are Invited: To Dream

Rev. Keith Thompson

*** Closing Hymn 451**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*** Dismissal & Blessing**

*** Recessional Prayer**

Allen Harrell, cantor

Thanksgiving for the Lives of

Ted Taylor (Tracy Sproule’s father).....August 9, 2024

Kathie Bloom (Martin Bloom’s wife, David & Janey Bloom’s mother).....August 14, 2024

From the Music Department

Two farewells today: Our own Andrew Robertson presents the opening prelude this morning before returning for another year of study at the Eastman School of Music. Layla Tajmir, who has been with the church choir during her time at BSC, received her degree this past May and is headed to graduate study at the Peabody Conservatory of Music of Johns Hopkins University this week. Our thanks to both of these musicians for their gifts to us!

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

JOHN HENRY ANDERSON

September 7, 2023

Parents: Shelby & John Anderson

Sibling: Emma Anderson

Grandparents: Jeffrey & Stephanie Wells, Michael & Susan Anderson

Great-grandparents: Theodore & Patricia Wells, Richard Dennison

Happening at Canterbury

Youth@Canterbury

7th grade Meeting & Registration | This Morning | 11:45 AM

7th grade parents are invited to the YAC 7th grade meeting today at 11:45 AM in the Youth Center. We'll be going over all things YAC and Confirmation, so you'll want to be there! We ask that at least one parent attend the meeting, and students are welcome to also join us! If you haven't registered your 7th grader for the Confirmation year, please go to the YAC website to sign them up. Questions? Email elizabeth.hayes@canterburyumc.org.

YAC IS BACK | Tonight | 5-7 PM

All 7th-12th grade students are invited to join the YAC Herd tonight from 5-7 PM for our YAC Fall Kickoff that we're calling "YAC is Back"! We'll have inflatables, food, giveaways and more! Students can be dropped off at the front entrance or at the side entrance by the kitchen. Friends are always welcome, so bring them on!

Midweek | Returns August 28 | 6-7 PM

YAC's Wednesday night programming is called MidWeek, and it starts back on August 28 from 6-7 PM! MidWeek will include a game, a lesson, and a great time with your friends! All 7th-12th graders will begin together in the Youth Center, and then we will 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.

Kids@Canterbury

3rd Grade Bible Presentation & 3rd Grade Faith Milestone | August 25

Next Sunday, our 3rd graders will take part in their Faith Milestone as they will receive their very own Bible from Canterbury. There will be a piece of this milestone during the Sunday School hour (9:15) that will take place in the Sanctuary and part of it that will take place during worship in the Sanctuary (10:30).

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

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

This year we are including 4th graders in the Rise community of 5th & 6th graders. Make sure to sign up your child for our first RISE retreat on September 20-21, held in conjunction with Asbury UMC and Grace UMC. This will be a super fun fall weekend at Camp Sumatanga. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

SAGE Opportunities

engAGE Lunch & Learn | August 22 | 11:30 AM

Do you have an aging parent or loved one? The next engAGE Lunch and Learn will be August 22 from 11:30-1:00 PM in Canterbury Hall. The topic is WHAT'S NEXT? Putting the right pieces in place to be better prepared to care for an aging loved one. It will be led by a panel of four local experts. Lunch is \$10. Sign up today by emailing Valerie Boyd at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Legacy Luncheon | August 27 | 12 Noon

Come enjoy fellowship and a great lunch at Legacy Luncheon this month! Join us at Noon in Canterbury Hall on August 27 to hear from and to meet Canterbury's new Director of Children's Ministry, Eleanor Christiansen. Lunch is \$5. RSVP by emailing Valerie Boyd at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

FALL KICKOFF

make plans to join us

**WEDNESDAY
AUG. 21**

**5-7 PM
CHAPEL LOT**



Free Dinner!
Cornhole Tournament
Inflatables for Kids
Games & Prizes

featuring

THREE ON A STRING

It's great
TO BE AT

CANTERBURY



Adult Opportunities

Wednesday Night Dinner & Studies | Return August 28

It's time to register for a fall study! Make plans to join your church family for dinner at 5 PM and stay for a small group study at 6 PM. Studies kickoff on Wednesday, August 28.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

- Wednesday Evening Bible Study - led by Keith Thompson
6-7 PM in Room M209, Wesley Hall (ongoing)
- Genesis: The Beginning - led by Lisa Donnell and John Hutchinson
6-7 PM in Room M228-229 (ongoing)
- Introduction to the Psalms - led by Bishop Mike Watson
6-7 PM in Room M226
An overview of the Psalms, an ancient book of worship which John Wesley referred to as, "A rich treasury of devotion." Participants are encouraged to bring their Bibles.
- Christian - led by Natalie Moon and Matthew Montgomery
6-7 PM in Room M227
In Christian, Andy Stanley offers a better term to describe Christians—and leads us through what Christianity should look like today in light of Jesus' teachings.
- Healthy Relationships - led by Annie Skinner
5:30-7:30 PM in the Small Dining Room
Bring your Wednesday night dinner to eat in class. Please register for childcare at least 48 hours in advance by emailing Selena Pitsch at selena.pitsch@canterburyumc.org.

Spiritual Practices and the Enneagram | September 6 & 7

Canterbury is hosting a special event on September 6 & 7 featuring Rev. Joseph and Suzanne Stabile. Our ways of connecting with God are as varied as our Enneagram numbers. This 2-day workshop will walk participants through varied spiritual practices, practical application and expectations, and the struggles and benefits that each enneagram personality presents along the way. Cost: \$99. Friday, September 6 from 6-9 PM & Saturday, September 7 from 9 AM-5 PM. Register: www.lifeinthetrinityministry.com/alabama

New Sunday School Class for Parents of 7th grade Confirmands | Begins September 8

Confirmation is the beginning of a life-long journey of discipleship and inquiry. To aide you and support your own journey we will offer a Sunday school class just for parents of youth participating in Confirmation. We will cover the same topics that your youth will be discussing in the hopes of creating a meaningful experience with your youth and the other parents. This class will meet on Sundays from 9:20-10:10 AM, beginning September 8-April 27, in Room M208. Questions? Email Annie Skinner at annie.skinner@canterburyumc.org.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Adult Opportunities Continued...

Men's Bible Study | Begins September 12 | 6:30 AM

Hill Carmichael is starting a new study for men ages 35-50. It will kick off on September 12 at 6:30 AM in Room M208, and will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Questions? Email Hill at hill.carmichael@canterburyumc.org. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

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.

Support Groups at Canterbury

Grief Care | Session 1 Begins August 21 | 12 Noon

When we lose someone we love, we embark on a journey not of our choosing. But it is a vital and sacred journey for grief just the same. This group serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. During this 6-week course, we will listen, share and gain important tools in navigating our unique grief experiences. Two sessions will be offered on Wednesdays at 12 Noon in Room M200.

- Led by Annie Skinner, 8/21-9/25

- Led Hill Carmichael, 10/9-11/13

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Mental Health Caregiver Support Group | Begins September 11

Thank you, Canterbury, for the feedback you provided through the recent survey on mental health. From the data collected, we've developed a 4-week program starting on September 11 that contains helpful sessions designed to support and equip persons caring for family members with mental health challenges. This support group is co-sponsored by United Counseling and all sessions will be led by professionals from our community. It will be held on four Wednesday evenings at 6 PM in Room 208.

1: Understanding Depression & Anxiety

2: Nurturing Children with Mental Health Challenges

3: Caring for Parents with Mental Health Challenges

4: Supporting Yourself, Boundaries and Self Care

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

Outreach

IMMEDIATE NEED for Firehouse Shelter Volunteers | August 20

We are looking for volunteers to serve at Firehouse Shelter this coming Tuesday, August 20... please say yes by reaching out to jennifer.dunn@canterburyumc.org directly.

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 400 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: 150

FLOOD BUCKET PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 25

SAGE ACTIVITY for HOMEBOUND - Volunteers Needed: 30

LITTLE BROWN BAG PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 30

THANKSGIVING CARDS for PRISONERS - Volunteers Needed: 25

RISE AGAINST HUNGER FINALE - Volunteers Needed: 150

LETTER WRITING BLAST - Volunteers Needed: 15

KIDS ACTIVITIES - Volunteers Needed: 25

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TEAM - Volunteers Needed: 10

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

www.canterburyumc.org/outreach



Thank You for Joining Us Today!