



Hey Siri...



**Sanctuary Worship**

February 2, 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. 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.

**CANTERBURYUMC.ORG**

# 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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# Order of Worship

## Voluntary

Ubi Caritas  
Where charity and love prevail, God is present.

Jeanne Demessieux

## Welcome and Announcements

\* **Processional Hymn 160** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5 MARION

\* **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.*

## Reception of New Members

Drew & Haley Smith, Ashton Donnell

**We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

## Pastoral Prayer

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

## Anthem

This Gift is Free  
Matt Cantor, Jessie Mayne, solos

Fred Gramann

Come to the waters all who are thirsty. O come and drink. This gift is free.  
Come to the table all who are hungry. O come and feast. This gift is free.

Come to the tree of life laden with fruit for you. O come and taste. This gift is free.  
Come to the banquet hall. A place is set for you. O come and sit awhile. This gift is free.  
Why do you buy food which cannot feed the soul?  
And labor on for that which will not make you whole?  
Come unto me and taste the food I give. Come unto me so that your soul may live.

\* **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 120**

Your Love, O God, vv. 1, 3, 4

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**The Lesson**

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

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

**Sermon**

Hey Siri...How Do I Know I'm on the Right Path?

Rev. Keith Thompson

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you....

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might! Hea - ven and  
earth are full, are full of Your glo - ry. O, blessed is the One who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....  
... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,....  
... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together:

**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.**

**Fraction Anthem**

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

Rebecca Bolding, cantor

Sung Refrain: **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

**Breaking the Bread and Giving the Cup**

**Music During Communion**

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown  
Stan Nelson, solo

CANDLER, arr. Gibbs

Come, O thou traveler unknown, whom still I hold but cannot see;  
My company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee:  
With thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle 'til the break of day.  
My strength is gone, my nature dies, I sink beneath thy weighty hand,  
Faint to revive, and fall to rise, I fall, and yet by faith I stand;  
I stand and will not let thee go 'til I thy Name, thy nature know.  
I know thee, Savior, who thou art, Jesus the feeble sinner's friend,  
Nor wilt thou with the night depart, but stay and love me to the end.  
Thy mercies never shall remove, thy nature and thy name is love.  
'Tis Love, 'tis Love; thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart;  
The morning breaks, the shadows flee; pure universal Love thou art.  
To me, to all thy mercies move: thy nature and thy name is Love. (Charles Wesley)

**\* Dismissal & Blessing**

**\* Choral Benediction**

**Thanksgiving for the lives of**

William Sanderson (Sharon Smyer's father).....January 22, 2025

Sue Ralls (Leslie Allen's mother).....January 23, 2025

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**Happening at Canterbury**

**Encore Volunteer Training | February 3 | 9 AM-12 Noon**

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of those living with dementia or memory loss, Encore would love for you to join the program as a volunteer. This is the most rewarding experience that you could ask for! The next training session for current and new volunteers will be held tomorrow, February 3 from 9 AM-12 Noon in the Encore Room (Dining Room). For questions or to sign up, email Patti Williams at [encorepatti@gmail.com](mailto:encorepatti@gmail.com).

**Discovery Weekend Registration | February 3**

Get ready for the best retreat of the Spring! Discovery Weekend is March 14-16, and it's a retreat for all 7th-12th graders! Discovery Weekend is a weekend for our junior high students that is put on by our senior high students. It is a retreat here at the church that will be the best weekend of your life! Registration will open tomorrow, February 3 at 7 AM on the church website.

**Book Club | February 3 & March 3**

Book Club is held on the 1st Monday of each month! Join us from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM in Room M226 for great discussion and fellowship. Bring your lunch and invite a friend! For a list of books and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

**Interest Meeting Wesley Heritage Tour (London) | February 9 | 11:30 AM**

If you are interested in joining this trip to England June 4-12, please attend this upcoming meeting for more trip info and details. If you have already signed up and have questions, this is a great opportunity to get your answers! The meeting will be held next Sunday, 2/9 in the Dining Room immediately following 10:30 AM worship. For trip details: [www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages](http://www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages)

**2nd grade Faith Milestone | February 9 | 9:15 AM**

Faith Milestones are a chance for the church to celebrate exactly who your child is right now and connect that to important parts of our faith practices here at church. It is a great opportunity for you to have guided faith conversations with your kiddo and get to know some of the other families who are doing life with you here at Canterbury! We are so excited to see you and your 2nd grader on February 9 at 9:15 AM where we will be learning about communion. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

**Kids@Canterbury | Summer Dates 2025**

Summer will be here soon! We have all of our camps and summer events on the website. So, take a look and mark your calendars for everything we have in store for your kids this summer at Canterbury!

Visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

## **Farewell Reception for Sheryl Thornton | March 2**

Rev. Sheryl Thornton is retiring from Canterbury after 17 years of beautiful and dedicated service. You are invited to join us for a very special reception to wish Sheryl well on Sunday, March 2. It will be held in the Parlor from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. If you'd like to express your gratitude to Sheryl, you may make a Love Offering in her honor. Please send your check to the Finance Office noting 'Love Offering – Sheryl Thornton' in the memo line. Thank you for your love and support.

## **OUTREACH:**

### **WE NEED SOUP!**

It requires over 8 gallons of Santa Fe soup to serve at Church of the Reconciler on Thursdays each week. Can you make a double/triple batch and help fill the freezer at Canterbury? If so, please freeze flat and deliver to the church. Thank you for helping to keep our neighbors warm and fed.

### **Kate Kennedy Luncheon & Book Signing | February 10 | 11:30 AM – 1 PM**

Canterbury Outreach and Canterbury UMW present a very special opportunity for you to meet and hear from Canterbury's own Kate Kennedy, author of *Once Upon a School*. Kate is the daughter of Bette and Crawford Owen and she grew up in the halls of Canterbury an active member and involved in youth activities. Kate is a mom, a wife, a sister, a friend, and a passionate advocate for children. In 2018, Kate opened a school for children experiencing homelessness in Atlanta. For more information on Kate's work, please visit [katekennedywrites.com](http://katekennedywrites.com). On Monday, February 10 in Wesley Hall, Kate will share about the story of challenging the status quo and digging deep into her own story to find connection, hope, and new answers to old problems in her book. It is a story of racial inequity, generational poverty, and finding community in the most unlikely places. Boxed lunches are available for \$15. To register: [www.canterburyumc.org/kate-kennedy-event](http://www.canterburyumc.org/kate-kennedy-event)

### **Panamá Medical Mission Trip | April 5-12**

We have openings for this team and are seeking dentists, undergraduate students interested in considering the medical field, or friendly faces willing to do "whatever is needed!" Please know that this mission requires the ULTIMATE in patience, nimbleness and go-with-the-flow! For more info, contact Becky Sorrell at [rjsorrell@aol.com](mailto:rjsorrell@aol.com).

### **UMCOR Relief for California**

Canterbury has made direct monetary donations to UMCOR, World Central Kitchen, and the California Fire Foundation. If you would like to contribute, please drop your check in the offering plate or deliver it to the Finance Office made payable to Canterbury UMC and noted UMCOR Advance #901670.