



*be
like
jesus*



*sanctuary worship
february 22, 2026
first sunday in lent*

Thank you for joining us!

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

Crucifer - Leigh Anne Precise | **Acolyte** - Charlie Brandenburg

REAL

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. 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 - *Ask an usher for assistance!*

- *Listen Everywhere*, a bluetooth hearing app, is available as well as other hearing assist devices.
- The Children's Comfort Room is located adjacent to the Narthex, a quiet place for you and your child.

Worship Online We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! 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 quarterly 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. To set that up, contact the church office at 205-871-4695.

CONTACT US

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Order of Worship

Voluntary

Adagio, from Fourth Organ Symphony

Widor

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Bill Morgan

* **Processional Hymn 110**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

* **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

Breana Stallings

Baptism

Ellis Gregory Rains and Collier Hobson Johnson

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 Ellis Gregory and Collier Hobson 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 these families now before you in your care?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Ellis Gregory and Collier Hobson, 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 brothers 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.

Call to Prayer

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

American folk hymn

Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself.
We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.
You must go and stand your trial; you have to stand it by yourself. Oh, nobody else can stand it for you; you have to stand it by yourself.

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

What Wondrous Love is This

Matthew Culloton

What wondrous love is this, O my soul; what wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul! To God and to the Lamb I will sing: to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing! And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on: and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on!

*** 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 269**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, vv. 1-2

LAND OF REST

*** Gospel Lesson**

Luke 4: 1-13

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

*** Gospel Processional 269**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, vv. 4-5

LAND OF REST

Sermon

Temptation, Identity, and Trust

Rev. Keith Thompson

*** Closing Hymn 378**

Amazing Grace, vv. 1-4

AMAZING GRACE

*** Dismissal & Blessing**

*** Recessional Prayer**

Ted Clark, cantor

Postlude

Our guest Choirmaster and Organist this morning is James Cook, longtime music professor at Birmingham-Southern College, and choir director and organist at Birmingham First United Methodist Church.

Thanksgiving for the lives of

Meredith Jean (Susie Gaston's mother)February 14, 2026

Ry Ogilvie (Major Ogilvie's brother)February 14, 2026

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

ELLIS GREGORY RAINS

September 4, 2025

Parents: Leta Woller Rains & Andrew Rains | Sibling: Ila

Grandparents: Ron & Melinda Woller, Greg & Jamie Rains | Great Grandparent: Sherry Rains

COLLIER HOBSON JOHNSON

April 28, 2025

Parents: Karoline & Hunter Johnson

Grandparents: Karen & Larry Cotney, Sally & Joey Thornton, Mary & Brad Hardy

Great-Grandparents: Mac & Linda McCurdy, Jeanne Thornton, Linda & Terry Cortez

happening at canterbury

Men's Breakfast | February 26 | 6:30 AM

Join us for breakfast on Thursday in Canterbury Hall. Our very own Bishop Mike Watson will be sharing words of inspiration as we journey together through the Lenten season. \$15.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry

Discovery Weekend | March 13-15

A retreat for all 7th-12th graders filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! It's different from other retreats because it all happens here at Canterbury and it is put on by the Sr. High students for our Jr. High students! Deadline to sign up is March 9.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Discovery Prayer Partners Needed



Discovery Weekend will be here soon and there are ways for you to help support it! One way is to become a Prayer Partner. For more info and to sign up, scan the QR code. Questions? Email Eleanor at eleanor.kerr@canterburyumc.org.

Blessing of the Animals | March 15 | 3 PM

Bring your beloved (and maybe slightly spoiled) pets and join us for our Blessing of the Animals! We'll gather in the Chapel Lot to celebrate the furry, feathered, and scaly friends who fill our lives with joy and unconditional love. All pets must be on leashes or secured in a carrier. This is a KidsMin event and perfect for all Canterburians!

UMW Annual Fern Sale



This fundraiser is underway and allows UMW to support mission and outreach projects in our community. There are three great selections to choose from – Boston, Kimberly Queen and Macho. Each fern is \$25. Place your order online now by scanning the QR code. Pick up will be Saturday, April 11 from 8 AM-12 Noon.

Women's Serve Night | March 17 | 6 PM



Come have dinner with us on St. Patrick's Day at 6 PM and serve together! ALL women are invited to this special night, sponsored by the Encouragers Women's Groups. (Nursery Provided)

We'll share a meal and serve together in support of Grace House Ministries and Erwin Middle School. We will pack pajama and hygiene kits for the girls and snack bags for Erwin Middle. To RSVP FOR THE DINNER and donate funds for the needed items, scan the QR code.

Speakers David Thomas & Sissy Goff April 28 | 6 PM

David Thomas returns to Canterbury this spring along with Sissy Goff for a special evening of insight and encouragement. With over 30 years of experience walking alongside children and families at Daystar Counseling Ministries, they bring practical wisdom, deep compassion, and real hope. Authors and hosts of the Raising Boys & Girls podcast, they'll also introduce their new book, *Capable*. For tickets, scan the QR code or visit: www.TPRLive.co



This is a must-attend event for all parents!

CAPABLE
THE BOOK TOUR

featuring **SISSY GOFF**
and **DAVID THOMAS**
THE CREATORS OF **Raising BOYS & GIRLS**

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holy week services

Palm Sunday | March 29

- 8:15 AM | New Traditions
- 10:30 AM | Sanctuary Worship
- 10:30 AM | Contemporary Worship

Come worship with us as we wave palms in every service and step into this sacred week together.

Noon Services | March 30, 31 & April 1

- 12 PM | Chapel

Join us at 12 Noon Monday through Wednesday in the Chapel for a time of reflection and worship. Each day will feature a different guest speaker.

Holy Week Seder Meal | April 1

- 5 PM | Canterbury Hall

Join us for a meaningful evening around the table for a special Seder meal - an ancient celebration Jesus shared with his disciples. Through foods, scripture, and storytelling, we'll explore the roots of the Last Supper and deepen our understanding of the journey toward Easter.

Maundy Thursday | April 2

- 12 PM | Chapel

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper and you are invited to join us at Noon to partake in this special time of remembrance.

Good Friday | April 3

- 12 PM | Canterbury Center
- 6 PM | Chapel

On Good Friday, we remember the day that Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Two services will be held - a service of darkness led by our Contemporary Worship team at 12 PM in Canterbury Center, and a traditional Good Friday service in the Chapel at 6 PM.

YAC GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP MAY 2026

Enjoy a cup of coffee... and help TODAY!

A team of students are headed to Guatemala this summer to work with a Methodist organization. This group will include some of the YAC staff, Rachel Estes, and Allen Kilgore. You can help support the trip THIS MORNING by enjoying a complimentary and delicious hot cup of SANTOS coffee and making a donation. Look for tables outside of all of our worship spaces!