



EMBARK



Sanctuary Worship

February 23, 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



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 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

Lento, from *Canterbury Improvisations*

Sidney S. Campbell

Welcome and Announcements

- * **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

Dr. Rick Owen

Baptism

Gates McDonald Smallwood, Jr. and Turner Rooks Carroll

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 Gates McDonald and Turner Rooks 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 Gates McDonald and Turner Rooks, 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

O God of All Your People Past

NUN FREUT EUCH

O God of all your people past, your grace is our salvation;
Your arms of love, their home secure, remain our habitation.
We bring to you the praise they brought, we seek you as the saints have sought
in every generation.
O saints to come, take up the strain, and bless the Boundless Giver.
Unbroken be the golden chain! Let not divisions sever.
But safe in that dear dwelling place, and rich with that eternal grace,
Sing on, sing on forever. (Thomas Gill, 19th c.)

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

Bound for the Promised Land

Sacred Harp, arr. Boyd

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
(Refrain): I am bound for the promised land, I'm bound for the promised land;
O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

O the transporting, rapt'rous scene that rises to my sight!
Sweet fields arrayed in living green, and rivers of delight. (Refrain)
Filled with delight, my raptured soul would here no longer stay!
Tho' Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless I would launch away. (Refrain)

* **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** NETTLETON
God, We Thank You for Our People

**God, we thank you for our people, roots dug deep within the soil,
Hardy spirits, rich in loving, strong for struggle, bold for toil.
Faithful Rock of generations, you whom parents' parents praised:
Here in hope as we remember may our song to you be raised.**

**By your Spirit of creation keep us bold for risking still,
Eager in anticipation, ever strong to do your will.
Bind us close to one another, sharing life and death and birth,
Welcoming as sister, brother, all your children on the earth.**

The Lesson Deuteronomy 6: 10-12
*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

Sermon Rev. Keith Thompson
Embark...Beyond the Horizon: The Long Work of God

* **Closing Hymn 710** ST. CATHERINE
Faith of Our Fathers

* **Dismissal & Blessing**

* **Recessional Prayer** Allen Harrell, cantor

Congratulations to

Lauren & Reese Goode, the proud parents of a baby boy, Bruce Truett Goode, born on February 11, 2025.

Thanksgiving for the lives of

Cory Jackson (Neal Jackson's father).....February 17, 2025

Virginia Van Horn (Annette Dean's sister).....December 1, 2024

Sheryl Thornton's Farewell Reception | March 2 | 11:30 AM

You are invited to join us for a reception to wish Sheryl well on Sunday, March 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!

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

GATES MCDONALD SMALLWOOD, JR.
May 28, 2024

Parents: Sumner & Gates Smallwood
Grandparents: Jean & Scott Smallwood,
Brenda & Sonny Ryan
Great-grandparent: Don Smallwood

TURNER ROOKS CARROLL
June 20, 2024

Parents: Adeline & Caleb Carroll
Grandparents: Perryn & Mike Carroll,
Jill & Chad Turner
Great-grandparent: June Rooks

Happening at Canterbury

Sunday Morning Bus Drivers Needed for Brookdale

Drivers are needed to pick up residents from Brookdale Senior Living and bring them to Sunday School. Driver shifts entail being at the church to get the bus at 8:30 AM on your assigned Sunday. (Shifts are approximately once every quarter.) Return the ladies to Brookdale at 10:15 AM. If interested, first email Jennifer Dunn (jennifer.dunn@canterburyumc.org) to be added to our driver's insurance, then email Caroline Bundy (carolinebundy@gmail.com) to sign up!

Legacy Luncheon | February 25 | 12 Noon

Join us to welcome Dr. Rick Owen as he talks about Canterbury's recent musical field trip of Living the Blues. Music is more than music. It is community, it is a feeling, it is a part of our soul. Join us as we discover how this music has the power to unite us all! Reserve your lunch (\$5) by emailing Valerie Boyd at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Charge Conference | March 10 | 6:30 PM

Please note that the Church Council meeting on March 10 will also serve as a Charge Conference for the purpose of supporting Eleanor Christiansen's call to pursue licensed and ordained ministry through candidacy in the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. The meeting will be held in Wesley Hall at 6:30 PM.

Discovery Weekend | March 14-16

Register now! It's a special spring YAC weekend held here at the church for our junior high students that is put on by our senior high students. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#events

UMW Fern Sale | Now through March 30

The annual fern sale is now underway! There are three selections to choose from each at \$20. Place your order online: www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women

TAYA in Concert | April 24 | Canterbury Center

We're excited to welcome TAYA, a world-renowned Christian recording artist, on Thursday, April 24 to Canterbury Center. The world first heard her voice in Hillsong United's 'Oceans' and 'Touch the Sky' and from that moment, her voice became an unmistakable call to worship across the world. To purchase tickets: www.canterburyumc.org/taya

Kids 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! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children



ash wednesday | march 5

MORNING ASHES

7-8:30 AM | Chapel

DRIVE THROUGH on your morning commute or after carpool drop off to receive your ashes and a special blessing from one of our pastors.

NOON BLUES SERVICE

12 PM | Chapel

New this season! This very unique service will combine the solemnity and reflection of Ash Wednesday with the soulful and contemplative tones of blues music.

EVENING SERVICE OF ASHES

6 PM | Sanctuary

Join us as we mark the beginning of the Lenten season with this traditional evening service that promises to be both spiritually enriching and musically inspiring.

Dinner will be served on Wednesday, March 5 from 5-6 PM in Canterbury Hall.

