



Hey Siri...



Sanctuary Worship

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

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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Order of Worship

Voluntary

Be Thou My Vision

Gerre Hancock

Welcome and Announcements

* **Processional Hymn 185**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

* **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

Eleanor Christiansen

Solo

Psalm 148
Stan Nelson, tenor

Ned Rorem

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
Praise ye him all his angels; praise ye him, all his hosts.
Praise ye him, sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded, and they were created.
He hath also 'stablished them for ever and ever; he hath made a decree that shall not pass.
Praise ye the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:
Fire and hail; snow, and vapor; stormy wind fulfilling his word.
Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars;
Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl.
Kings of the earth, and all ye people; princes, and all judges of the earth.
Both young men and maidens; old men and children:
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is excellent;

His glory is above the earth and heaven. He also exalteth the horn of his people,
The praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him.

Baptism

Emmett James Burle and William Sawyer Pugh

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 Emmett James and William Sawyer 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 Emmett James and William Sawyer, 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.

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 Behold a Star from Jacob Shining (from Christus) Felix Mendelssohn

Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising,
to reign in glory over the nations.
Like some bright morning star is he, the promise of the coming day,
beyond the night of sorrow.
Break forth, O Light! We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving,
hail the brightness of Thy rising!

* **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 606** Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine KINGSFOLD

The Lesson Romans 8: 26-28
*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

Sermon Hey Siri...Why do bad things happen to good people? Rev. Keith Thompson

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

Pastor: And to the whole community: Will you support these Stephen Ministers with your prayers?
If so, please say, "we will."

Congregation: We will.

Pastor: And will you encourage one another in all of the ways you faithfully serve others?
If so, please say, "We will, with God's help."

Congregation: We will, with God's help.

* **Closing Hymn 451** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

* **Dismissal & Blessing**

* **Recessional Prayer** Ted Clark, cantor

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar

Are placed in loving memory of Violet and Click Brumback.

Thanksgiving for the lives of

Sanford Parsons Bishop (Linda Pilkerton's father)—January 4, 2025

Harry Littleton (Kay Littleton's husband, Julie Smith, Michael Littleton,
& Kate Gillespie's father)—January 8, 2025

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

EMMETT JAMES BURLE

June 24, 2024

Parents: Elizabeth & Robert Burle, Jr.
Grandparents: James & Caroline Sparrow,
Lisa & Leonard Martin, II,
Robert & Sonyia Burle
Great-grandparents: Janis Zeanah,
Jacqueline Pennington

WILLIAM SAWYER PUGH

August 15, 2024

Parents: Shelby & Rich Pugh
Sibling: Allison Pugh
Grandparents: Dale & Allison Allison,
Rick & Lisa Pugh
Great-grandparents: Linda Brantley,
Patty Pugh

Happening at Canterbury

Men's Breakfast | January 16 | 6:30 AM

All men are invited to the next breakfast that will be held on Thursday, January 16. We'll enjoy breakfast and fellowship, and will discuss upcoming events. So, if you are interested in being a part of a Life Group, signing up for Men's Retreat, or being a part of any of the upcoming ministries for men, don't miss this breakfast! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast

Legacy Luncheon | January 28 | 12 Noon

Make plans to join us in January for a special time with Encore volunteer Warren Lightfoot. Besides being a founding partner of one of Alabama's most well-known law firms, Warren is also a nationally known sculptor – some of his work is featured in the United States Capitol Rotunda. Join us for lunch and fellowship as we enjoy his amazing story and see some of his beautiful sculptures. RSVP to: valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

Support Groups

Grief Support | Begins January 22 | 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. This group serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. (6 weeks) Led by Hill Carmichael. To register, visit: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Divorce Support | Begins January 27 | 6 PM

The Divorce Journey: Past, Present, and Future - Going through a divorce holds such a wide range of feelings, decisions, and reassessments of life goals. This is an encouraging community where participants are guided along their unique journeys and beyond. Sessions include space for teaching, reflection, and fellowship. (8 weeks) Led by Rev. Leslie Etheredge. To register, visit: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

KIDS@CANTERBURY

Peace & Justice Day | January 20

RISE kids (4th-6th grades) will join other UMC kids from around the Birmingham area on MLK Day for a fun filled day full of history including a scavenger hunt in the Civil Rights Institute. For full details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Kids@Canterbury | Summer Dates 2025

Summer will be here soon! We now 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

YOUTH@CANTERBURY

Discovery Weekend | Registration Opens 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 on Monday, February 3 at 7 AM on the church website.

Women's Dinner Event

January 30 with special guest

Sophie Hudson



Calling all generations...

All ages are invited to join us for an intergenerational dinner event featuring author and popular speaker Sophie Hudson. Join us on Thursday evening, January 30, at 6 PM to enjoy a fun night of stories and learn ways to find encouragement and hope in the everyday, joy-filled moments of life.

For more on Sophie, please visit:

www.boomama.net



Tickets are \$25.
Scan the QR code to register.

See you there!

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JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1
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and to register,
scan here

