



Hey Siri...



**Sanctuary Worship**

January 19, 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.

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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](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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**Pastoral Care Response Line:** 205.999.4887

# Order of Worship

**Voluntary**

Melodie

Louis Vierne

## Welcome and Announcements

- \* **Processional Hymn 127**      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah      CWM RHONDDA
  
- \* **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

## Anthem

Silent Devotion and Response

Ernest Bloch

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart always be acceptable in Your sight, O God, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.

## 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

Cause Us, O Lord our God

Ron Nelson

Cause us, O Lord our God, to lie down each night in peace,  
and to awaken to renewed life and strength.  
Help us to order our lives by Thy counsel; lead us in the paths of righteousness.  
Lord, be Thou a shield about us, protect us; save our world from  
sorrow, from hate, and from war. Curb Thou within us the will to do evil;  
shelter us beneath the shadow of Thy wings.

### \* 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 Hymn 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought, v. 1

HE LEADETH ME

### Gospel Lesson

Mark 9: 23-24

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

### \* Gospel Hymn 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought, v. 3

HE LEADETH ME

### Sermon

Hey Siri...Can I Have Doubt and Be Faithful?

Rev. Keith Thompson

### \* Closing Hymn 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

### \* Dismissal & Blessing

### \* Recessional Prayer

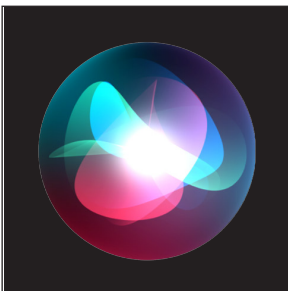
Ted Clark, cantor

### The flowers on the Sanctuary altar

Are placed in honor of Marjorie Milham Head & Griffen Fowler Cope who were united in holy matrimony on January 18, 2025.

### Thanksgiving for the life of

Rita Garrett (Shannon Smith's mother)—January 1, 2025



#### Be A Part of Today's Sermon

Scan the QR code to take part in an interactive in-service survey this morning. We want to know what your biggest **doubts** and **questions** are when it comes to your faith. Scan to submit your answer in three words or less.



## Happening at Canterbury

### **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: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://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 teaching, reflection, and fellowship. Led by Rev. Leslie Etheredge. To register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

### **Legacy Luncheon | January 28 | 12 Noon**

Make plans to join us 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: [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org)

### **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 on Monday, February 3 at 7 AM on the church website.

### **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)

### **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)

## Retirement Love Offering

Rev. Sheryl Thornton is retiring from Canterbury after 17 years of beautiful and dedicated service. 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! A reception will be held for Sheryl on Sunday, March 2. Please watch for more details coming soon.

## 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.

## Special Events

### 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](http://www.boomama.net)



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

*See you there!*

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### SMOKE & FIRE • WINTER RETREAT •

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 1  
@ CANTERBURY UMC

For more information  
and to register,  
scan here →



**ALSO!** All are invited as Dr. Sweet will teach a combined Sunday School Class on Sunday, February 2 in Canterbury Hall – and he will preach in the Contemporary service at 10:30 AM. Don't miss this chance to be inspired and encouraged with Dr. Leonard Sweet.



*Thank You for Joining Us Today!*