



Hey Siri...



**Sanctuary Worship**

January 26, 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**

Chaconne in D Major

Johann Pachelbel

## Welcome and Announcements

\* **Processional Hymn 529**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

\* **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

### Baptism

Walter McDonald "Mac" Smith

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 Walter McDonald in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself to profess his 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 Walter McDonald, 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 brother 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 a member 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.**

## **Anthem**

The Lord is My Shepherd  
Kathleen Buccleugh, soprano

Howard Goodall

## **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**

My God is so High  
Rebecca Golding, soprano

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

(Refrain): My God is so high you can't get over Him. He's so low you can't get under Him, He's so wide you can't get 'round Him, you must come in by and through the lamb. One day as I was a walkin along the heavenly road, my Savior spoke unto me and He filled my heart with His love. (Refrain)  
I'll take my gospel trumpet and I'll begin to blow, and if my Savior helps me, I'll blow wherever I'll go. (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.**
  
- \* **Gospel Hymn 142** If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee, v. 1 WER NUR
  
- Gospel Lesson** John 14: 1-4, 18-19, 25-27  
*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***
  
- \* **Gospel Hymn 142** If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee, v. 3 WER NUR
  
- Sermon** Hey Siri...Heaven? Rev. Keith Thompson
  
- \* **Closing Hymn 378** Amazing Grace AMAZING GRACE
  
- \* **Dismissal & Blessing**
  
- \* **Recessional Prayer** Ted Clark, cantor

**The flowers on the Sanctuary altar**

Are placed in honor of Madison Anne Morrow & David Harrington Lee who were united in holy matrimony on January 25, 2025.

**Thanksgiving for the life of**

Jerry Robertson (Mark Robertson's father).....January 20, 2025

**PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM**

WALTER MCDONALD SMITH  
October 23, 2024

Parents: Sydney & Alex Smith  
Siblings: Foster & Ford Smith  
Grandparents: Scotty Hawk, Kelly & David Thomas, Ruth & Francisco Smith  
Great-grandparents: Ann & Gilly Key, Verna Mae & Dan Haw, Jane McDonald

**Farewell Reception & Love Offering**

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!

## 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.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS TODAY!**



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

*See you there!*

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**JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 2**  
**@ CANTERBURY UMC**

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and to register,  
scan here



**ALSO!** Dr. Leonard 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.

### **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)

## Happening at Canterbury

### **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.

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

Join us this week 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)

### **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 on Monday, February 3 from 9 AM-12 Noon in the Encore Room (Dining Room). For questions or to sign up, please 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 on Monday, February 3 at 7 AM on the church website.

### **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 on 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)