

# REAL



**Sanctuary Worship**

**July 27, 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

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**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



## 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**

Folk Tune

Percy Whitlock

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Matthew Montgomery

**\* Processional Hymn 577**

God of Grace and God of Glory

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**

Breana Stallings

**Baptism**

Leonard Macon Melgaard

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 Leonard Macon 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 Leonard Macon, 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 King of Love My Shepherd Is

Edward Bairstow

### **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**

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte, arr. Seigel

### **\* 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.**

* <b>Gospel Hymn 598</b>	O Word of God Incarnate, v. 1	MUNICH
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	Luke 11: 1-4 <i>The word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b></i>	
* <b>Gospel Hymn 598</b>	O Word of God Incarnate, v. 4	MUNICH
<b>Sermon</b>	Real Prayer for Real People	Dr. Bill Morgan
* <b>Closing Hymn 474</b>	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	PRECIOUS LORD
* <b>Dismissal &amp; Blessing</b>		
* <b>Recessional Prayer</b>		Ted Clark, cantor
* <b>Postlude</b>	God of Grace and Glory	Paul Manz

**Thanksgiving for the life of**  
 Scott Allen (Jennifer Allen’s husband, Maggie, Steve & Wills’ father) ..... July 22, 2025

**PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM**

LEONARD MACON MELGAARD  
 January 29, 2025

Parents: Kara & Jack Melgaard  
 Grandparents: Nikki & Macon Gravlee, Jennifer Melgaard, Paul Melgaard  
 Great-grandparents: Susan & Macon Gravlee, Nancy & Larry Lewallen



**Vacation Bible School Begins Tomorrow**

We are so excited to welcome over 300 children ages 4K-3rd grade in the morning to VBS! This year’s VBS registration number is a record-breaking year for Kids@Canterbury... and we need your support this week by praying for the children who will attend, the youth and adults who will serve as helpers, and our KidsMin Staff as they will lead a beautiful week “Diving Deep” into God’s word with our youngest disciples!

Thank you for your love and support.

# Happening at Canterbury

## Important August Dates!

We look forward to kicking off a wonderful fall here at Canterbury! Please make note of these key dates:

- **August 10** | Kids Donut Party & Blessing of the Backpacks
- **August 17** | Regular Sunday Worship Schedule Returns
- **August 17** | YAC Fall Kickoff Evening Event
- **August 20** | Wednesday Night Dinner Fall Studies Kickoff Event
- **August 27** | Wednesday Night Studies & Activities Begin

## We Are Hiring - Digital Content Specialist

This role supports the church's mission by creating and managing engaging digital content across platforms including the website, social media, and print. This full-time position involves photography, videography, graphic design, and web management, while collaborating with staff to promote worship, events, and ministries. Ideal candidates are creative storytellers with strong digital skills and a passion for church communications.

For full details and to apply, please visit:  
[www.canterburyumc.org/welcome/careers](http://www.canterburyumc.org/welcome/careers)

## Sr. High Rafting Getaway

### July 31-August 1

Our graduated 10th-12th graders are invited to join YAC for a rafting trip on the Ocoee River - staying overnight at Whitewater Express in Georgia. This is a great trip full of games, fun, and fellowship! Register at:  
[www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth)

## Canterbury Book Club

### August 4 | 11:30 AM

Book Club is held on the 1st Monday of each month! Join us from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM in Room M226 for great discussion and fellowship. Bring your lunch and invite a friend! (Fall dates: 8/4, 9/8, 10/6 & 11/3) For titles and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## UMW Summer Meal Series at Brick & Tin

### August 6 (Lunch & Dinner)

Make plans to have lunch or dinner at Brick & Tin on Wednesday, August 6! Be sure to mention "Canterbury Fundraiser" when you check out so UMW will receive a portion of the proceeds. Thank you!

## Wednesday Night & Fall Bible Study Kickoff

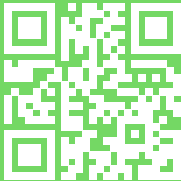
### August 20 | 5-7 PM

Make plans to join us on Wednesday night, August 20 in Canterbury Hall for a special Fall Studies Kickoff event that all ages will enjoy! Chik-fil-A dinner and ice cream sundae bar, games, and more! Let's connect this fall enjoying fellowship, faith, fun, and fresh insights. Bible study lists are coming soon... watch for more details!

# Christmas in JULY

**Toy Drive Benefiting Avondale Samaritan Place  
and the Annual Christmas Village**

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