

REAL



Sanctuary Worship

June 22, 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. 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

Grand Plein Jeu et Fugue

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Welcome and Announcements

- * **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

Baptism

Baker Dawson Knickrehm

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 Baker Dawson 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 Baker Dawson, 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

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

Spiritual, arr. Barnard

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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 Morning Trumpet

Sacred Harp, arr. Hooper

Oh, when shall I see Jesus, and reign with him above, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning? And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning? Oh, shout glory, for I shall mount above the skies, when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Gird on the gospel armor of faith and hope and love, and you'll hear the trumpet sound in that morning. And when the combat's ended, he'll carry you above, and you'll hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Our eyes shall then with rapture the Savior's face behold, and we'll hear the trumpet sound in that morning. Our feet, no more diverted, shall walk the streets of gold, and we'll hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

* Doxology

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.

OLD 100TH

Hymn 592

When the Church of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

The Lesson

James 2: 14-19

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

Sermon

Real Grace for Real Life: Real Grace To and Through Us

Rev. Keith Thompson

* Closing Hymn 580

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Recessional Prayer

Ted Clark, cantor

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar

Are placed in honor of Sydney Grace Childers & Russell Shepherd Gammon who were united in holy matrimony on June 21, 2025.

Special thanks to Dr. James Cook as organist this Sunday.

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

BAKER DAWSON KNICKREHM

December 20, 2024

Parents: Lauren & Dusty Knickrehm

Sibling: Robert James Knickrehm

Grandparents: Peggy & Scott Robertson,

Kathie & James Knickrehm

Happening at Canterbury

Adult Sunday Summer School | 9:30 AM | Wesley Hall

Each Sunday, one of our pastors will lead a group-style discussion class that will follow the sermon series...focusing on the sermon and scripture of the day! Summer is a great time to mix things up, meet new friends and try something new, so join us for a fun "SUMMER SCHOOL" option on Sunday mornings.

EngAGE Lunch & Learn | July 8

Please join us for a lunch and learn with Lifecare Solutions whose mission is to support, educate and provide ongoing expertise and resources to families through compassion, guidance and understanding. They are committed to helping their clients with a plan of care through all stages of the aging process. Learn about resources to help you and your family. \$10 per person. 12 Noon - Canterbury Hall. Please RSVP to Valerie Boyd at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Summer Meal Series | Daniel George | July 9

This favorite UMW fundraiser is in full swing... and they've partnered with our area's most popular and yummy restaurants to raise funds that will help support deserving not-for-profit organizations. Be sure to mention "Canterbury Fundraiser" when you check out so UMW will receive a portion of the proceeds. Join us for lunch or dinner on Wednesday, July 9 at Daniel George!

Men's Breakfast | July 24 | 6:30 AM

Our quarterly Men's Ministry Breakfast will be held Thursday, July 24 at 6:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. Enjoy a great breakfast (\$12), wonderful fellowship, and words of inspiration. Hope you will join us and bring a friend! Go ahead and sign up at: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast

VBS Volunteers Needed | July 28-31

Our rising 4K-3rd graders are going to have a blast at VBS week, Dive Deep! We will go on our deep water adventure July 28-31 from 9 am-noon each day and will need many adult helpers to make it a SPLASH! Sign up: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Use Your Noodle Needs YOU!

Avondale Samaritan Place's Use Your Noodle summer enrichment program is in session! You can help make it incredible for the local children who will attend by packing lunches, providing snacks or teacher happies! To sign up, please email Rachel at rachel.estes@canterburyumc.org.

Summer Combined Worship

Join us for worship at 8:15 AM in the Chapel for New Traditions or for a combined worship service at 10:30 AM. **Please note that on July 6 New Traditions will not be held.*

June 29 - Contemporary Worship
July 6 - Contemporary Worship*
July 13 - Sanctuary Worship
July 20 - Contemporary Worship

July 27 - Sanctuary Worship
August 3 - Contemporary Worship
August 10 - Sanctuary Worship

Summer Service Opportunities

YARD WORK MINISTRY

Many of our neighbors are unable to maintain their yards during the summer months because of age, disability, or other health challenges. Volunteers 16+ are welcome. If you'd like to volunteer to help (mowing, minor pruning, etc.), email Pastor Malinda (malinda@avonumc.net). Work days are typically Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 AM-12 PM. This ministry runs through September.

FOOD CO-OP MINISTRY

Help out on Monday mornings from 8:15am-10:15am with the food co-op at Avondale Samaritan Place 500 40th Street South. All are welcome....strong backs appreciated.

EAST LAKE FARMER'S MARKET

Saturday Mornings - 7753 1st Ave S, Birmingham, AL 35206. Arrive at 7:30am and check in at the Market info booth. Wear sunscreen and a hat! You'll be helping put produce in boxes and then delivering it to Villa Maria! This is a great activity for families and small groups...don't forget to buy baked goods and other fun stuff at this amazing Market! Any Saturday between June 17 and July 22. Good for most all ages. Questions? Email sally@eastlakemarket.org.

THREE HOTS & A COT

Make THANK YOU cards for our homeless veterans for the 4th of July! Draw a picture or write a thank you note and stick in the mail by June 30th! Feel free to use the church address (350 Overbrook Road, 35213) and sign just your first name or initial! You can address the card to "A hero at 2124 Old Springville Rd Birmingham, AL 35215"

ANYTIME PROJECTS:

- Make 25 Snack bags (suggestions: snack cracker packs, vienna sausages, bottled water, fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bars) and deliver to ASP to share with their homeless ministry.
- Pack up 5 fun bags for senior citizens for our Beeson Social Workers to deliver. Lotion, soft socks, chapstick, and a note of encouragement will go a long way to bring a smile! Drop at Canterbury UMC for the social workers to pick up.
- Pick up some cleaning supplies and donate to Community Furniture Bank! Drop at: 219 Distribution Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209
- Do a food drive on your street (or at your pool or wherever!). Collect rice, peanut butter, jelly, flour, sugar, oil, etc.! Drop at Urban Ministries 1229 Cotton Ave SW, Birmingham, AL 35211
- Take bottled waters, Gatorades, etc. to Highlands UMC (or send via Amazon!!!). 1045 20th St South, Birmingham, AL 35205. Email Danny with questions at danny@highlandsumc.net.
- Eat lunch at Urban Ministries WE CAFÉ! Delish way to support a ministry!!! M-F 11:30am-1pm. 1229 Cotton Ave SW, Birmingham, AL 35211