

**SHATTERED**



**Sanctuary Worship**

**March 9, 2025**

*first sunday in lent*

## 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. 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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**Pastoral Care Response Line:** 205.999.4887

# *order of worship*

**Voluntary**

Agnus Dei, from Mass for the Parishes

François Couperin

**Welcome and Announcements**

\* **Processional Hymn 547**

O Church of God, United

ELLACOMBE

\* **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**

Dr. Rick Owen

**Call to Prayer**

Agnus Dei

Thomas Morley

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

**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 a Rock  
Daniel Seigel, baritone

Spiritual, arr. Parker/Shaw

(Refrain): My God is a Rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.  
Stop, let me tell you ‘bout the Chapter One, when the Lord God’s work was just begun.  
Stop, let me tell you ‘bout the Chapter Two, when the Lord God’s written his Bible through.  
Stop, let me tell you ‘bout the Chapter Three, when the Lord God died on Calvary.  
Stop, let me tell you ‘bout the Chapter Four, when the Lord God visit among the poor.  
Stop, let me tell you ‘bout the Chapter Five, when the Lord God brought the dead alive.  
Stop, let me tell you ‘bout the Chapter Six, he went in Jerusalem and healed the sick.  
Stop, let me tell you ‘bout the Chapter Seven, died and risen and went to Heaven.  
Stop, let me tell you ‘bout the Chapter Eight, John seen him standin at the Golden Gate.  
Stop, let me tell you ‘bout the Chapter Nine, Lord God turned the water to wine,  
Stop, let me tell you ‘bout the Chapter Ten, John says he’s comin in the world again.

**\* 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 Procession 521**

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me, v. 1

SOJOURNER

**Gospel Lesson**

Luke 4: 1-13

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

**\* Gospel Procession 521**

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me, v. 3

SOJOURNER

**Sermon**

Shattered: Breaking Free From Ties

Rev. Keith Thompson

**\* Closing Hymn 163**

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

HENDON

**\* Dismissal & Blessing**

**\* Recessional Prayer**

Ted Clark, cantor

**Congratulations to**

Jennifer & Jay Dunn, on the birth of their son, Jack Newton Dunn, IV born on March 3, 2025.

**Thanksgiving for the life of**

Rosalyn Stroud (Jennifer Lowe & Susan Thomas’ mother).....March 3, 2025

# *happening at canterbury*

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## **New! Wednesday Night Studies | Begin March 12 | 6 PM**

From Lenten studies to parenting study options, there is something for everyone! For full descriptions of each class, and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## **Grief Care | Begins March 12 | 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 serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. Led by Hill Carmichael at noon on Wednesdays March 12-April 23. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## **Discovery Weekend | March 14-16**

Registration closes tomorrow morning at 10 AM! This special YAC weekend is held here for our junior high students put on by our senior high students. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#events](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#events)

## **Hiking with Hill | March 16, April 6 & April 13**

This popular Sunday afternoon outdoor group returns this spring! Meet at 1:30 PM at the base of Red Mountain Park and enjoy time in nature with Rev. Hill Carmichael and fellow Canterburians. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## **UMW Fern Sale | Now through March 30**

The annual fern sale is now underway! There are three selections to choose from each at \$20. Tables will be available on Sundays March 9 & 16 to order - OR - place your order online: [www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women](http://www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women)

## **TAYA in Concert | April 24 | Canterbury Center**

We're excited to welcome TAYA, a world-renowned Christian recording artist, on Thursday, April 24 to Canterbury Center. The world first heard her voice in Hillsong United's 'Oceans' and 'Touch the Sky' and from that moment, her voice became an unmistakable call to worship across the world. To purchase tickets: [www.canterburyumc.org/taya](http://www.canterburyumc.org/taya)

## **Kids 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! Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)



## **Vote Canterbury UMC Mountain Brook's Best of 2025**

Take a minute and cast your vote for Canterbury UMC in the Best Place of Worship division - AND for Keith Thompson & Matthew Montgomery in the Best Pastor division. Deadline is March 14! To vote, scan the QR code or visit:

[www.mountainbrookmagazine.com/mountain-brooks-best-of-the-best-2025](http://www.mountainbrookmagazine.com/mountain-brooks-best-of-the-best-2025)

## *lenten series*

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As we journey through Lent, our sermon series asks us to consider: What in our lives needs to be broken apart so that God's transformative work can begin? Jesus shatters the systems and assumptions that trap us in narrow ways of thinking, freeing us to live more fully in alignment with God's love and grace. This series invites us to examine what we hold on to too tightly, let go of what no longer serves us, and embrace the life-giving renewal that comes from stepping into God's bigger, bolder dream for our lives.

## *special offering*

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**The Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund Easter Offering** benefits vital ministries at Canterbury. This year your gifts will directly benefit: Avondale Samaritan Place's Use Your Noodle Program, Canterbury UMC Beeson Social Work Assistance Fund, and Canterbury UMC Direct Assistance. You may bring your gift to worship on Easter Sunday or mail it to the church office. Please make your check payable to Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund. Thank you!

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## *easter flowers*

To place a flower in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one, complete this form:

Placed in Honor \_\_\_\_\_ Memory \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to Canterbury UMC for \$35 per flower.  
Return it with this form to the church office no later than Monday, April 7.  
Please use a separate form for each order.

# *holy week services*

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## **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

### **Choral Evensong Service**

5 PM | Sanctuary

Canterbury Choir presents 'The Winchester Service.' It was composed in 2022 by Australian composer Joseph Twist for Winchester Cathedral in the UK. It includes beautiful and haunting settings that all will enjoy.

## **APRIL 14, 15 & 16**

### **Noon Services & Lunch**

12 PM | Chapel

Join us during Holy Week at 12 Noon Monday through Wednesday in the Chapel for a time of reflection and worship. Each day will feature a different guest speaker. Lunches will be available for purchase and served in the parlor immediately following each service.

## **APRIL 17**

### **Maundy Thursday Services**

12 PM | Chapel

6 PM | Canterbury Hall – New this year!

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper as described in the Gospel of Luke. You are invited to join us at either service offered to partake in this special time of remembrance. The 6 PM service will be a participatory experience and will be held in Canterbury Hall.

## **APRIL 18**

### **Good Friday Services**

12 PM | Chapel

6 PM | Canterbury Center

On Good Friday, we remember the day that Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Easter follows – a glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead. Two services will be held on April 18. A noon time traditional Good Friday service in the Chapel, and a moving and powerful service of darkness led by our Contemporary Worship team at 6 PM in Canterbury Center.



*for more information*

[www.canterburyumc.org/lent](http://www.canterburyumc.org/lent)