

Sanctuary Worship

May 12, 2024



W. J. B. Bunting



Canterbury
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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. Sheryl Thornton

Pastor - Rev. Sam Williamson

Pastor - Rev. Matthew Montgomery

Children's Pastor - Rev. Ruth Grissom

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. 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 resources available as you enter the worship space including a Worship Activity bag.

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.

Children's Ministry at Canterbury begins at birth. Nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers for all regularly scheduled worship services. Nursery for other activities and church events can be provided. Please feel free to contact Selena Pitsch at selena.pitsch@canterburyumc.org with any questions about nursery. Canterbury uses a computer check-in system as part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy..

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 contact 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*

Watch Online We understand the challenges you face and we strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us. Our New Traditions, Sanctuary and Contemporary worship services are available on our website.

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

Church Office: 205.871.4695

To Join: matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org
205.868.6590 x2327

Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Voluntary

Organ Concerto in B Flat

First Movement G. F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

* Processional Hymn 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

* 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

Amanda Fuller

Solo

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei (from Gloria)
Layla Tajmir, soprano; James Sullivan, oboe

Antonio Vivaldi

Lord God, the Lamb of God, you are the son of the Father.

Baptism

Henry Glen McKinney

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 Henry Glen in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess their 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 Henry Glen, 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.

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 is My Shepherd
James Sullivan, oboe

John Rutter

*** 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

* **Gospel Procession 549** Where Charity and Love Prevail, vv. 1, 2 ST PETER

The Gospel Lesson John 2: 1 - 12
*This is the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.***

* **Gospel Procession 549** Where Charity and Love Prevail, vv. 5, 6 ST PETER

Sermon Table Matters: Dinner with Mary Rev. Keith Thompson

* **Closing Hymn 560** Help Us Accept Each Other Sing to AURELIA

Reception of New Members Terry & Anne Sides (Duncan), Theresa Friedman

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

* **Dismissal & Blessing**

* **Recessional Prayer**

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar are placed in honor of Sarah Hamilton Gladney & Logan Massie Gage who were united in holy matrimony on May 11, 2024.

Thanksgiving for the Lives of

Thomas "Tommy" Whitman (Thomas "Allen" Whitman's father).....May 6, 2024

Annabelle Cumbest (Kathleen Mullican's mother).....May 7, 2024

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

HENRY GLEN MCKINNEY

July 28, 2023

Parents: Nina Lowry McKinney & Gavin Glen McKinney

Sibling: Madeline Ruth McKinney

Grandparents: Sandra Crockett, Laura & Richard McKinney, Mary Lou & John McKinney

Happening at Canterbury

Side by Side Community Chorus Concert | May 14 | 2 PM

The Side by Side Community Chorus presents “Peace, Love & Harmony” on May 14 at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. From Louis Armstrong and the Beatles to Simon and Garfunkel, they’ll bring you nostalgic tunes that you will love singing along to! Donations are welcomed and will benefit Avondale Samaritan Place.

Retirement Reception for Rev. Ruth Grissom | May 19 | 9:15 AM

On Sunday, May 19, we invite you to join us in celebrating Rev. Ruth Grissom and her upcoming retirement. The reception will be held during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:15 AM in the Parlor. Let’s wish Ruth well and thank her for the love and dedication she has given to Canterbury’s Children’s Ministry.

Retirement Love Offerings

As you all know, Rev. Ruth Grissom and Rev. Sam Williamson will both be retiring this summer. Ruth’s last day will be May 31 and Sam’s last day will be June 30. You may express your gratitude to them by making a Love Offering. If you wish to make a donation toward these offerings, please send your check/checks to the Canterbury UMC Finance Office noting ‘Love Offering – Pastor’s Name’ in the memo line. (Please note such gifts are not charitable contributions for tax purposes) Thank you for your support of these wonderful pastors who have both served Canterbury UMC with a deep love and commitment to our mission of real grace and real love in the midst of real life.

YAC Summer Trips & Getaways | Register Now

Yay for more summer fun! Summer Getaways are day-trips where we go somewhere fun either in Birmingham or out-of-town! This summer, we have 5 Getaways planned, spots are limited so register your student now!

- June 12 - Activate Getaway
- June 19 - Six Flags Getaway
- July 24 - Getaway TBA
- July 31 - Aug 1 - Sr. High Rafting Getaway
- August 8 - Braves Game Getaway

If your student is interested in Senior High Lake Trip (wait list) or Jr. High BigStuf Trip (wait list) please go ahead and add them to the wait list. Mission Week spots are still available! For info on all trips and getaways, and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Journeys of Paul Mediterranean Cruise | October 8-20

(Register by May 26 to avoid extra fees!) Join Rev. Tori Hastings, Canterbury pastors, and guest speaker Rev. Brian Erickson on a 10-night Mediterranean cruise, Journeys of Paul, October 8-20, 2024. Stops will include Cairo, Turkey, Santorini, Greece, Istanbul and more. For registration information, please visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages



SUMMER WORSHIP

This summer at Canterbury, join us for worship at 8:15 AM in the Chapel for New Traditions or for a combined worship service at 10:30 AM.

10:30 AM Worship Rotation Location:

May 26	Sanctuary Worship
June 2	Contemporary Worship
June 9	Sanctuary Worship
June 16	Contemporary Worship
June 23	Sanctuary Worship
June 30	Contemporary Worship
July 7	Sanctuary Worship
July 14	Contemporary Worship
July 21	Sanctuary Worship
July 28	Contemporary Worship
August 4	Sanctuary Worship
August 11	Contemporary Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

An adult combined community Sunday School option will be held in Wesley Hall beginning June 2 through July 28. Each session will be lead by our pastors and will be livestreamed on the church Facebook & YouTube pages.

Topic: Journeys of Paul

Sundays | 9:15 AM | Wesley Hall



Vacation Bible Camp | June 10-13

Volunteers Needed (MON-THURS)

Camp Firelight is quickly coming in June! This is one of the most fun and exciting weeks of the summer and Kids@Canterbury needs MANY adult volunteers to make it a SUCCESS! Sign up to volunteer today by visiting: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children Questions? Please contact Ruth Grissom at ruth.grissom@canterburyumc.org.

Register Your Children!

A fun four days (Monday-Thursday) for all rising 4K – 5th grade children! Campers will experience the Bible stories through music, drama, games, arts and crafts, and science, as they learn ways to connect with and trust God. Our kids will go on an exciting journey where they'll learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, and know God is always with them. Register your kids today: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

