

Sanctuary Worship

May 18, 2025



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. 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

Improvisation, from Suite in D, Op. 54

Arthur Foote

Welcome and Announcements

- * **Processional Hymn 57** O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON
- * **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

Maddie Moravek

Baptism

Arturo Hansford Caballero

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 Arturo Hansford 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 Arturo Hansford, 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.

Call to Prayer

O Christ the Healer

ERHALT UNS HERR

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?
Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

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

There is a Balm in Gilead
Stan Nelson, solo

Spiritual, arr. Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all.

- * 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 Hymn 390

Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive, vv. 1, 2

LAND OF REST
- Gospel Lesson

Luke 5: 17-26

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.
- * Gospel Hymn 390

Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive, vv. 3, 4

LAND OF REST
- Sermon

Resurrection Stories: Time to Save God’s People
We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For

Rev. Keith Thompson
- * Closing Hymn 189

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH
- Reception of New Members

Avery Duckworth, Garet Smitherman

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 up hold 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

Ted Clark, cantor
- Congratulations to

Angie & Ryan Killingsworth, proud parents of a baby girl, Lyla Killingsworth, born on April 11, 2025.

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

ARTURO HANSFORD CABALLERO
December 30, 2024

Parents: Grace & Arturo Caballero
Grandparents: Sherry & Alan Friday,
Adriana & Jose Caballero
Great-grandparents: Peggy & Ralph Coleman,
Celia Wuotto, Norma Friday

2025

class of

CONGRATS



Nathan James Albert
Mountain Brook High School
Colorado School of Mines



Joshua Slade Anderson, Jr.
Mountain Brook High School
University of Alabama



Lucy Elizabeth Beasley
Mountain Brook High School
Auburn University



John Farris Chapman, Jr.
Mountain Brook High School
University of Alabama



Christopher Smith Cole, Jr.
Mountain Brook High School
Troy University



Hampton Walker Crago
Mountain Brook High School
Auburn University



Harrison Andrews Dukes
Mountain Brook High School
Mississippi State University



George Acton Dumas, Jr.
Mountain Brook High School
Auburn University



Haston Charles Emblom
Mountain Brook High School
Troy University



Lawton Armstrong Emblom
Mountain Brook High School
Troy University



Walter Jackson Garner, Jr.
Mountain Brook High School
University of Mississippi



Thomas Hamilton Graham
Mountain Brook High School
Auburn University



Olivia Childs Hussey
Mountain Brook High School
University of Mississippi



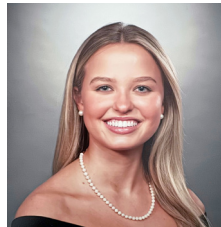
Anne Davidson Kerr
Mountain Brook High School
University of North Carolina



William Aaron Kilfoyle
Mountain Brook High School
University of Mississippi



Langston Claire Lilly
Mountain Brook High School
Samford University



Ivey Elise Patton
Mountain Brook High School
University of Mississippi



Margaret Ann Skinner
Mountain Brook High School
University of Alabama



Jackson Vaughn Skinner
Mountain Brook High School
Mississippi State University



Mark Shaw Torbert, Jr.
Mountain Brook High School
Auburn University



William Curtis Weaver III
Mountain Brook High School
Oglethorpe University



William Brian Woodke
Mountain Brook High School
University of Georgia



Virginia Olivia Worthen
Mountain Brook High School
Auburn University

Happening at Canterbury

Birmingham Boys Choir Spring Concert | May 18 | 2:30 PM The Birmingham Boys Choir presents its 47th annual spring concert on Sunday, May 18 at 2:30 PM in the Canterbury Sanctuary. All are invited! The concert is free and is the Choir's gift to the community.

Summer Combined Worship | Begins May 25 in the Sanctuary | 10:30 AM June Schedule

June 1 — Contemporary Worship
June 8 — Sanctuary Worship
June 15 — Contemporary Worship
June 22 — Sanctuary Worship
June 29 — Contemporary Worship

ENCOURAGERS Interest This fall, Canterbury will launch Encouragers - an intergenerational women's program. The goal is to form many small groups of all ages to meet together once a month for a year for fellowship, prayer and service. Sign up to be a part of it at: bit.ly/43pCwfe

Kids Summer Camp & Events Register today for everything we have in store for your kids this summer at Canterbury at www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children.

YAC Summer Trips & Getaways

Summer booklets are here! Make sure to pick one up for your student at the round desk!

- June 6-8 — Sr. High Lake Trip
- June 23-26 — Jr. High Adventure Trip
- July 13-18 — Magic City Work Week
- May 28 — Six Flags Getaway
- June 11 — Activate Getaway
- June 18 — Braves Game Getaway

Sign up: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#summer

Legacy Luncheon | May 27 | 12 Noon Join us for a very special luncheon with Dr. John Waits from Freedom Farm, homes for abused, abandoned, neglected and at-risk kids. Learn how this amazing ministry is changing the lives of children and families by giving them the "freedom to soar" and to succeed in a loving home where God and faith are the center. Lunch is \$5. Please RSVP by May 22 to Valerie at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Share Your Easter Photos

We are updating Canterbury's membership database and would like to add a photo of you or of you and your family. If you took a picture here on Easter morning, or if you have another recent photo you prefer, please email it to directory@canterburyumc.org.



Women's Health & Menopause Interest Survey We're exploring the possibility of hosting an event focused on all of the stages of menopause and what women of all ages can do to support their long term health. Please scan the QR code to share your valuable feedback. It will help us shape an event that will meet these needs.