

FAITH

ON THE MOVE 



Sanctuary Worship

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Thank you for joining us!

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

Crucifer - Leigh Anne Precise

Acolytes - Charlie Brandenburg & Evelyn Bradenburg



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. 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 - *Ask an usher for assistance!*

- *Listen Everywhere*, a bluetooth hearing app, is available as well as other hearing assist devices.
- The Children's Comfort Room is located adjacent to the Narthex, a quiet place for you and your child.

Worship Online We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! 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 quarterly 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. To set that up, contact the church office at 205-871-4695.

CONTACT US

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Order of Worship

Voluntary

Two Chorale Preludes on Pentecost Hymns:

Holy Spirit, my Comforter (Heilige Geist, du Tröster mein)
Now We Implore the Holy Spirit (Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist)

Helmut Walcha
Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Bishop Mike Watson

* Processional Hymn 540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

* 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

Eleanor Christiansen

Baptism

Charlotte Parker Torres

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 Charlotte Parker in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her 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 Charlotte Parker, 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 sister 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

Suddenly There Came a Sound from Heaven

Gregor Aichinger

Suddenly there came a new sound from heaven: the Holy Spirit came forth unto them with great force; it came where they were seated, and filled them with the spirit of the blessed Lord Jesus, telling them of God's own mercies. Alleluia!

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

Breath of God
Dianne Johnson, solo

John Seagard

Breath of God, breathe on me; fill me with life anew, that I may love all that you love; do what you would do. Breath of God, breathe on me, 'til my heart is pure, 'til with you I will one will to do and to endure. Breath of God, breathe on me; so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life of your eternity. Amen.

*** 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.**

*** Hymn 539**

O Spirit of the Living God, v. 1,4

FOREST GREEN

*** The Lesson**

Genesis 32: 22-32; 33: 1-10

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

Sermon

Series: Faith on the Move

Rev. Matthew Montgomery

*** Closing Hymn 422**

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

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*** Dismissal & Blessing**

*** Recessional Prayer**

Ted Clark, cantor

Postlude

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the altar are placed in honor of Caroline Frances Kennedy & Conner Michael Pierson who were united in holy matrimony on May 23, 2026.

Thanksgiving for the life of

Doris Engelbrecht Black (Mary Little's mother).....May 15, 2026

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

CHARLOTTE PARKER TORRES

April 11, 2025

Parents: Michelle Gorman & Oscar Torres

Grandparents: Cleo Kathryn & Randy Gorman

Great-Grandparents: Mary Ann Gorman, Mary Kathryn Howell

Happening at Canterbury



Summer Combined Worship

Summer is here and we begin the combined schedule for 10:30 AM worship starting today! Note: *New Traditions will be held each Sunday at 8:15 AM as regularly scheduled.*

10:30 AM WORSHIP

- MAY 24 Combined in Sanctuary
- MAY 31 Combined in Canterbury Center
- JUNE 7 Combined in Sanctuary
- JUNE 14 Combined in Canterbury Center

Adult Summer Sunday School "Lessons from the Front Porch"

Join us beginning next Sunday, May 31 in Wesley Hall during the Sunday School hour for a combined class featuring a different guest speaker and topic each week. Meet us on the porch for meaningful conversation, fresh perspectives and community!

Encore 10 Year Celebration May 31 | 11:30 AM

Encore is turning 10... join the celebration!



Worship with us next Sunday at 10:30 AM in the Contemporary Service for a special Encore recognition. Continue the celebration at 11:30 AM in Canterbury Hall with refreshments, fellowship, and everyone's Encore favorite -- banana pudding!

New Podcast! Featuring Encore

Tune in for the latest *Canterbury Cast* podcast episode as Hill Carmichael joins Valerie Boyd and Anne Warren to celebrate 10 years of Encore. Hear stories of impact, hope and the community that has made Encore so special over the past decade. Find it wherever you get your podcasts or at: www.canterburyumc.org/media/podcast

Vacation Bible School | July 20-23 Volunteers Needed!

We have 250 children registered for VBS and we need volunteers to make it a huge success! This is open to youth and adults of all ages. Questions? Reach out to Eleanor Christiansen.

Volunteer: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Register for Youth Summer Activities

Make plans for an unforgettable summer!

- Senior High Lake Trip (June 5-7)
- Junior High Adventure (June 15-18)
- Magic City Work Week (July 12-18)

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

2026-2027 Confirmation Registration

Now open! All rising 7th graders are invited to register. Registration closes July 26, so sign up soon! A required parent meeting will be held August 9 following worship to learn more. Questions? Reach out to Eleanor Kerr.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Summer Meal Series Returns June 3

A favorite UMW fundraiser is back and once again they've partnered with some of our area's most popular restaurants to raise funds that will help support deserving not-for-profit organizations. Please participate and make sure to mention "Canterbury Fundraiser" when you check out!

> The first restaurant is BRICK & TIN on June 3 for lunch and dinner hours! (both locations)

Encouragers Registration Now Open

This intergenerational women's ministry is designed to connect women of all ages through faith and friendship. Women meet monthly in small groups to pray, build relationships, and support each other through every season of life.



Looking for deeper community or spiritual encouragement? This is a place for you. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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