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Sanctuary Worship

November 16, 2025

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 | **Acolyte** - Charlie Brandenburg

REAL

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. 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

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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.

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Order of Worship

Voluntary

Adagio from Organ Sonata in F Minor, Op. 65
Millicent Hawthorne, Assistant Organist

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Bill Morgan

* **Processional Hymn 731** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, vv. 1, 2, 4

AUSTRIA

* 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 Anthem

All the Ends of the Earth
Bella Baker, conductor, Millicent Hawthorne, accompanist

Bob Dufford

Children's Moment

Eleanor Christiansen

Baptism

George Walker Gwaltney, III, Sylvia Lile Donnell, & Everett Radcliff Irby
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 George Walker, Sylvia Lile, and Everett Radcliff in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves 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 George Walker, Sylvia Lile, and Everett Radcliff, 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 brothers and 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.

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

More Love
Stan Nelson, solo

K. Lee Scott

More love, more love: the heavens are blessing, the angels are calling, O Zion, more love.
If ye love not each other with tender affection, how can ye love God, whom ye have not seen.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

*** 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 Processional 717**

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory, v. 1

BATTLE HYMN

*** Gospel Lesson**

Luke 21: 5-19

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

*** Gospel Processional 717**

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory, v. 5

BATTLE HYMN

Sermon

Rev. Keith Thompson

*** Closing Hymn 724**

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand, vv. 1, 4

PROMISED LAND

*** Dismissal & Blessing**

*** Recessional Prayer**

Ted Clark, cantor

Postlude

Allegro assai vivace, from Organ Sonata in F Minor, Op. 6
Millicent Hawthorne, Assistant Organist

Felix Mendelssohn

Thanksgiving for the life of

Mollie DeWalt (Sue Brown's mother).....November 5, 2025

Christine Killion (Sandy Killion's mother-in-law).....November 9, 2025

Wedding

The flowers in the Narthex are placed in honor of Katherine Riley Lehman & Mark Joseph Smith who were united in holy matrimony on November 15, 2025

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar are placed in honor of Sylvia Lile Donnell and Everett Radcliff Irby and in loving memory of Sam Donnell, their great-grandfather by Bede Donnell.

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

GEORGE WALKER GWALTNEY, III

February 7, 2025

Parents: Frances & George Gwaltney, Jr.

Sibling: Reese

Grandparents: Laura Armstrong, Cecil Armstrong, Alice & Mark Crispin,
Mary Leigh, & George Gwaltney, Sr.

Great-Grandparents: Joanne Porterfield, Cecil Armstrong

SYLVIA LILE DONNELL

June 16, 2025

Parents: Ashton & Josh Donnell

Grandparents: Shawn & Dan Cushing, Lisa & Skip Donnell

Great-Grandmother: Bede Donnell

EVERETT RADCLIFF IRBY

June 25, 2025

Parents: Margaret & Joseph Irby

Grandparents: Lisa & Skip Donnell, Cindy & Joe Irby

Great-Grandparents: Bede Donnell, Donna Garnett

UMW Women's Dinner

January 29 | 6 PM

You're invited to a special evening of food, fellowship, and inspiration at the United Methodist Women's Dinner on Thursday, January 29 at 6 PM. Enjoy a delicious meal and hear from Ashley McMakin, owner and founder of Ashley Mac's, as she shares her story of faith, family, and building a beloved local business. Tickets are \$25 per person. Come be encouraged and connect with women across our church community... we can't wait to see you there! Tickets are on sale now at www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women

Happening at Canterbury



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NOVEMBER 23

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Financial donations are always welcome.

Men's Breakfast | November 20 | 6:30 AM

Join us on November 20 at 6:30 AM in Canterbury Hall for the quarterly breakfast event featuring guest speaker and author Russell J. Levenson Jr. (\$12). Levenson will share insights from his book *Witness to Belief: Conversations on Faith and Meaning*, a powerful collection of stories from well-known figures including Denzel Washington, Condoleezza Rice, Jane Goodall, and others, revealing how faith has shaped their lives, work, and purpose.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry

Kenya 2026 Interest Meeting | November 16

Join us today at 11:45 AM in Wesley Hall to hear about the Canterbury mission trip to Kenya in summer 2026. We will discuss the mission project, costs, dates and logistics.

Christmas Village Pod Elves Needed

We need volunteers to move boxes of toys for Christmas Village from Room 113 to the pods. You and a small group of friends can do the work needed and stay as little or as long as you like. We will be moving toys on Sundays from 8am - 12pm and 4pm - 7pm, Wednesdays anytime the church is open from 8am - 5pm before supper and studies, and Fridays from 8am - 12pm. Please text or email Caroline Bundy at 205-243-9556, carolinebundy@gmail.com to let her know when you will be there and to get the code for the lock on the pods.

Canterbury Christmas Chili Cookoff

December 17 | 5:30-7 PM

Join us for a fun and festive evening at the Christmas Chili Cookoff! Enjoy a hearty spread of homemade chilis and grilled cheese while celebrating the season with friends, games and great food! Enter your best chili to compete for fun prizes... or simply come ready to taste and vote for your favorites! Proceeds will benefit the Jackson Olin High School feeding program. All ages are invited to come share in the Christmas cheer and make a difference! [\$10 adults | \$7 kids & youth | \$30 family max] Enter your chili by scanning this QR code. \$20 registration fee, deadline to enter is December 10.



Kids PB&J Challenge - Spread the Love

Have you heard? We are spreading the love with a peanut butter and jelly drive now through the end of this month. Bring your donations to the Kids area - and the winning age group will receive a Donut Party in December.