

*How to be  
♥ Human*



**Sanctuary Worship**

**November 17, 2024**

## 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. Sheryl Thornton

**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 Selena Pitsch at [selena.pitsch@canterburyumc.org](mailto:selena.pitsch@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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# Order of Worship

**Voluntary**

Impromptu, Op. 142, No. 2

Franz Schubert

## Welcome and Announcements

\* **Processional Hymn 568**

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

\* **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 Choir**

Amazing Grace/Lord I Need You

**Children's Moment**

Eleanor Christiansen

**Baptism**

Lucy Carmichael Clark

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 Lucy Carmichael 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 Lucy Carmichael, 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.**

### **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 Secret of Christ  
Marissa Talwa, solo

Richard Shephard

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak.

I will lead the blind in a way they know not,  
in paths that they have not known I will guide them.

I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them. *(based on Isaiah 42: 14-16)*

And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal,  
proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river  
was there a tree of life, and the leaves of the trees were for the  
healing of the nations. *(based on Revelation 22: 1-3)*

Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful  
hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on  
our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus,  
our Master and our Friend. *(The Pilgrim Prayer, based on Colossians 4: 2-4)*

- \* **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 340**      Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy, v. 1      RESTORATION
  
- Gospel Lesson**      Mark 5: 25-34  
*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***
  
- \* **Gospel Procession 340**      Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy, v. 2      RESTORATION
  
- Sermon**      How to be Human: How You Are Shaped      Rev. Keith Thompson
  
- Closing Hymn 534**      Be Still, My Soul      FINLANDIA
  
- \* **Dismissal & Blessing**
  
- \* **Recessional Prayer**      Allen Harrell, cantor

**Thanksgiving for the life of**

Virginia Adair (Emily Burwell's mother).....November 10, 2024

**PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM**

LUCY CARMICHAEL CLARK  
May 1, 2024

Parents: Sara Emily & Paul Clark  
Siblings: Bibb Clark & Milly Clark  
Grandparents: Dr. & Mrs. Bibb Allen,  
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Lynam, Dr. & Mrs. Charles Clark  
Great-grandmother: Sue Ralls

**2025 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

Thank you to all who have made financial commitments for the coming year. All the gifts you bring make this place special and remind us that it's great to be at Canterbury. We have so much to look forward to in 2025! To make your pledge in supporting Canterbury's vital ministries, please visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/giving](http://www.canterburyumc.org/giving).

# Happening at Canterbury

## **TAYA Concert, Exclusive Ticket Pre-Sale TODAY!**

We're excited to announce that TAYA, a world-renowned Christian recording artist, will be here in concert on April 24, 2025. The world first heard Taya's 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. We anticipate that this will be a sellout event - so for one day only (TODAY!) Canterburyans can purchase tickets before they officially go on sale to the public. To purchase today, visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/taya](http://www.canterburyumc.org/taya)

## **Happy-ish Holidays | November 20 | 11:30 AM**

For all who find themselves in a tougher season of life during the holidays, you're invited to a luncheon this Wednesday, November 20 in Wesley Hall. Maybe grief, illness, divorce, or another challenge has you wondering how to approach the holidays. Rev. Monica Harbarger, Director of United Counseling, will be our special guest and she will talk with us about self-care, grace for ourselves and each other, and how we can still engage hope and joy. Lunch is \$10. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/happyish-holidays](http://www.canterburyumc.org/happyish-holidays)

## **Charge Conference | December 9 | 6:30 PM**

Please note that the Church Council meeting on December 9 will be a Charge Conference. The meeting will be held in Wesley Hall at 6:30 PM.

## **Poinsettia Orders | Now through December 9**

Advent is just around the corner! It is time to place orders for poinsettias to beautify our worship spaces at Christmas. If you would like to order one to honor or remember a loved one, you may do so by filling out an order form located at the round desk. Each poinsettia is \$25. The deadline to order is December 9.

## **Special Event**

### **Carols and Cocoa | December 4 | 5 PM Dinner, 6 PM Event**

*Carols  
AND  
Cocoa*

The first Sunday of Advent is December 1 and we can't wait to share this special season with you at Canterbury. On December 4... Carols and Cocoa returns! Let's kickoff Christmas at Canterbury in the Chapel parking lot with yummy hot chocolate, fire pits, Advent wreath making, great fellowship and wonderful sing-along music by the Contemporary Band. Invite a friend and bring your folding chairs! A hot dinner will be served from 5-6 PM in Canterbury Hall and the event begins outside at 6 PM. See you there!

## United Methodist Women

### November Virtual Fundraiser: 100 Women x \$100 = \$10K Goal

UMW is holding a virtual fundraiser using their social media pages to “tell the UMW story.” They are asking for 100 women to give \$100 (or more!) to help reach their goal. These funds are critical in providing support to many worthy organizations in the Birmingham area. With your help, they can continue to help spread the love of Christ in our community and continue the service legacy of UMW.

To donate: [www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women](http://www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women)

## SAGE

### Thanksgiving Legacy Luncheon | November 19 | 12 Noon

Join us for a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch with Bishop Mike Watson. Learn practical ways to be grateful to God in the hard times, to be thankful for what we have, to look for ways to help and be there for one another all while embracing and meeting each other right where we are...in God’s hands. Lunch is \$5. Please RSVP to [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

### Help Spread Christmas Joy | Beginning December 17

We need a few helpful elves to deliver joy and love to our at home church members. The gifts will be at the round desk along with the information on where to deliver. To sign up, please contact Valerie at 205.874.1523 or [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

## Outreach

### Gift Collection | Samaritan Place Market: A Christmas Village | November 1-24



This year’s toy collection is underway! Shop for toys at your favorite local store or use the convenient Amazon Wish List (scan QR code). Financial donations are always welcome.

Please bring your unwrapped gifts to Canterbury by November 24. The shopping event for families will be held at ASP on December 4-5.

### ASP Pickleball Tournament | November 24 | 12:30-6:30 PM

On Sunday afternoon, November 24, Avondale Samaritan Place will host the “Pickle & Pours” fundraising event at Magic City Pickleball Club. By participating you will have lots of fun – and will also be feeding an underserved family in our community, providing assistance through social workers to a homeless individual, providing a safe, fun space for kids to come after school, supporting a summer education program for children who are falling behind at school. To register: [www.canterburyumc.org/community/avondale-samaritan-place](http://www.canterburyumc.org/community/avondale-samaritan-place)



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