

Samaritan Place Market: A Christmas Village | Now - November 27

Once again, Canterbury is hosting a “pop-up” store for parents in the Avondale area to shop for new Christmas toys for their children at affordable prices. This Christmas shopping event takes place annually at Avondale Samaritan Place. Gifts need to be purchased and delivered to either Avondale UMC or Canterbury UMC by November 27. You are encouraged to shop local or from the easy and convenient Amazon Wish List that can be found at www.canterburyumc.org/outreach/seasonal. Financial donations are also welcome.

Legacy Luncheon | November 14 | 12 Noon

Please join us and welcome back Dr. Bill Morgan as he takes us on a journey of our most precious memories and how they have shaped who we are today in Christ. We will also enjoy great fellowship and a delicious lunch. (\$5). Please RSVP by November 10 to valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Journey Retreat | November 17-19

Youth@Canterbury’s Fall retreat is November 17-19. This is a retreat for all 7th-12th grade students, and friends are welcome! The weekend is full of sessions with awesome worship & talks, lots of games, small groups, and a whole lot of fun! Register today: www.canterburyumc.org/youth#journey

Happy-ish Holidays Luncheon | November 28 | 12 Noon

For all who find themselves in a tougher season in life during the holidays, you are invited to join us for a luncheon on November 28. Maybe grief, illness, divorce, or another challenge has you wondering how to approach the holidays. Rev. Malcolm Marler, Wellness Advocate and Spiritual Advisor at UAB Medicine, will be our special guest and he 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 and registration is required. To register, please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/happyish-holidays

Wednesday Night Studies | Advent Options Begin November 29

Advent is just around the corner, and we have lined up two great studies that will begin Wednesday, November 29. Natalie Moon will lead *She Reads Truth: Advent Study*. Matthew Montgomery will lead *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*. For details and to register, visit: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults.

Side by Side Community Chorus | December 5 | 2 PM

Mark your calendar! The Side by Side Community Chorus will present “Melodies of the Season” on Tuesday, December 5 at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. The 90-voice chorus and band will bring you the most heartwarming tunes and a few song stories, too! Donations will be accepted at the door for Encore Community Respite’s family care fund. With these funds, we can provide support for care partners and their loved ones for needs beyond the regular Encore program and support groups. Please join us!

Flowers on Sanctuary Altar

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar are placed in honor of Elizabeth Coats Burson & Joseph Thomas Francis, III who were united in holy matrimony on November 4, 2023.

Sanctuary Worship

November 5, 2023

All Saints' Sunday



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. Seth Moon
High School 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 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
205.868.6590x2302

Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

No Words

Today we celebrate Holy Communion and All Saints' Day. As we gather at God's Table, we receive in gratitude the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. All Saints' Day is a time to remember our heritage, those who have gone before us, and also an opportunity to recognize our responsibility to carry Christianity forward as the living saints of today. We give thanks for all the faithful people God has placed in our lives, especially those who are already with Him in heaven. As each name of our departed ones is read, a bell tolls in remembrance of the faith they have passed on to us.

Voluntary Nimrod (from *Enigma Variations*) Edward Elgar

Welcome and Announcements

* **Processional Hymn 711** For All the Saints, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6 SINE NOMINE

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Minister: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Kyrie 482 Daniel Seigel, cantor
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

* **Passing of the Peace** The Peace of the Lord be with you, **and also with You.**

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem Agnus Dei (from *Requiem*) Gabriel Faure

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. Grant rest to your saints and let perpetual light shine upon them.

* **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 709** Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above, vv. 1, 2, 4 FOREST GREEN

Psalter Lesson Psalm 23
*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

Sermon Rev. Keith Thompson

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

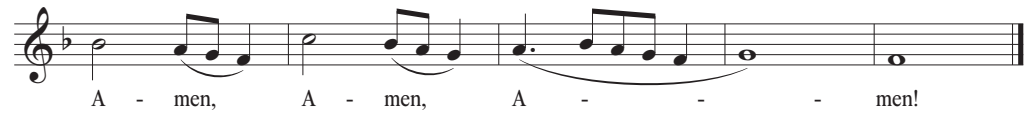


Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,....
... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together:

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.

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Cup

Fraction Anthem Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus Layla Tajmir, cantor
Refrain: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

All are welcome to receive the sacrament. You do not have to be a member of Canterbury or of the United Methodist Church. It is the Lord's table and all of God's children are welcome. Ushers will guide you. Our lay communion servers this morning are volunteers in the Books to Prisons ministry. These dedicated volunteers help promote reading, literacy, and the right to read wherever you may be, including behind bars.

Music During Communion Pie Jesu Andrew Lloyd Webber
Angel Baker, Isabella Baker, sopranos
Merciful Lord Jesus, grant rest to your saints.

Never Weather-Beaten Sail Richard Shephard
Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,
Than my wearied spirit now longs to fly out of my troubled breast.
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.
Ever blooming are the joys of heavn's high paradise,
Cold age deafs not there our ears, nor vapour dims our eyes;
Glory there the sun outshines, whose beams the blessed only see;
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my spirit to Thee. (Thomas Campion)

Prayer After Receiving
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. May we be transformed into your image. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Dismissal & Blessing

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Hebrews 12:1

All Saints Day remembers those of our congregation who have died in the last year as well as those who have died throughout the Church universal. During the Great Thanksgiving, the names of our Saints will be read. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for these departed Saints and a prayer for comfort for all who loved them.

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| Dolores Knudson Akin | Doris Landers |
| Susan Barnett | Dr. Bluitt Lee Landers, Jr. |
| Dr. Joseph Benjamin Beaird, Jr. | Jack Pender McDonald |
| Virginia May Booker | Betty Waller McKinstry |
| Colonel Donald Eugene Boomershine | Sally Lynn Milby |
| Betty K. Caffey | Robert Edward Moorer |
| James William Caskey | Donna Davis Muir |
| Ann Spicer Dodson | Annabelle Kathleen Mullican |
| Charles Stewart Earle | Joseph Leslie Nall |
| Susan Stewart Earle | Matt Nix |
| Joanna Carson Etheredge | Lawrence Terry Oden |
| Patricia Camp Faulkner | Rev. Clyde Samuel Precise |
| Carroll Vann Goodner, Jr. | Katherine Dorsett Raughley |
| James Franklin Goodwin | John Banks Robertson Jr. |
| Dr. Joseph William Hamer, Jr. | Alan Robert Seigel |
| Dr. William Casson Hansford, Sr | Jerry Edward Seigel |
| Donna Black Hite | Deborah Jean Sparkman |
| Joy K. Hogan | Florence Thompson |
| Louise Young Hogland | Mary Margaret Tomlin |
| Ruth Adelaide Long Karpeles | Louise Strickland Vance |
| Dr. Wayne Worden Killion, Jr. | Dorothy Walston |