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Sanctuary Worship

November 2, 2025

All Saints' Sunday

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

Crucifer - Leigh Anne Precise | **Acolyte** - Charlie Brandenburg



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

All Saints' Sunday

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

Lacrimae

Andrew Carter

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Rick Owen

* **Processional Hymn 711**

For All the Saints, vv. 1-4, 6

SINE NOMINE

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

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.

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

Minister: 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Agnus Dei (from *Requiem*)

Gabriel Fauré

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant eternal rest to your saints, and let perpetual light shine upon them with your holiness forever, we pray you.

* 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, 4

FOREST GREEN

The Lesson

Psalm 32

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might! Hea - ven and
earth are full, are full of Your glo - ry. O, blessed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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.**

Fraction Anthem

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

Rebecca Bolding, cantor

Sung Refrain: **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Cup

Music During Communion

Pie Jesu (from *Requiem*)

Fauré

Kathleen Buccleugh, solo

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 sp'rit 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 Heaven'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 sprite to thee! (Thomas Campion)

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Choral Benediction

Alleluia

SINE NOMINE

Postlude

Toccata, from *Symphonie I*

Louis Vierne

Our Communion Servers this morning are members of our Funeral Host Team.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

2024-2025

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. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for these departed Saints and a prayer for healing for all those who grieve their passing.

Scott Allen

Bill Battle

Nancy Beeler

Margaret Clements

Brittin Coleman

David Crawford

Leila Doster

Sam Farlow

Arthur Fox

Susan Fulton

Pat Goodhew

Kathryn Henderson

Cory Jackson

Sally Johnson

Dena Leitner

Harry Littleton

Jack McDuff

Noelle Morgan

William Prosch

James Rainer

Sue Ralls

James Rudolph

Whitney Sandefer

Jane Street

Rosalyn Stroud

Barbara Taylor

Mary Thompson

Jack Whites

Carey Williams

Congratulations to

Caroline & Andrew Autrey, the proud parents of a baby boy, Henry Quinn Autrey, born on October 22, 2025.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar are placed in honor of Marlee Elizabeth Johnson & Robert Connor Moore who were united in holy matrimony on November 1, 2025.

Happening at Canterbury

New Wednesday Night Studies!

Session 3 Begins November 5 | 6 PM

Have you registered? Our 3rd fall session of Wednesday Night studies will begin this week on November 5 and will run through December 3. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Documentary Featuring Encore on APT November 6 | 8 PM

Make sure to tune in to APT this Thursday for the documentary, *Respite for All: A Place of Belonging*, which features Canterbury's Encore program. This impactful ministry makes such a difference for those living with dementia, memory loss, or Alzheimers.

Kids Critter Day Event | November 11 | 10 AM

Join us on Tuesday, November 11 at 10 AM in Canterbury Hall for a wild morning of fun! We'll start with a short story time, then make a cool critter-themed craft you can take home. After that, get ready to meet some amazing animals native to Alabama... brought by none other than Aaron the Snake Professor! Invite your friends and come learn, laugh, and get up close (but not too close!) with some incredible critters! No charge, all welcome!

Kenya 2026 Interest Meeting | November 16

Join us on Sunday, November 16 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. If unable to attend, please email Hill Carmichael or Rachel Estes for meeting notes.

YAC Journey Retreat | November 21-23

Journey is November 21-23 at Shocco Springs in Talladega. This is a fall retreat for all 7th-12th graders, and friends are always welcome! The deadline to register is November 12.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

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

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