

# ***Sanctuary Worship***

***October 13, 2024***



*W. Paul Brantley*



**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](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.

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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. 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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**Pastoral Care Response Line:** 205.999.4887

# Order of Worship

**Voluntary**

Adagio

Charles-Marie Widor

## Welcome and Announcements

\* **Processional Hymn 428** For the Healing of the Nations CWM RHONDDA

\* **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.**

**Psalter Reading UMH 850**

Psalm 133

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

## Children's Moment

### **Baptism**

Catherine Wells Styslinger

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 Catherine Wells 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 Catherine Wells, 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.**

### **Anthem**

Like as the Hart

G. P. da Palestrina

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, e'en so longeth my soul after Thee, O God.

### **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 Lily of the Valley

Spiritual, arr. Whalum

He's the Lily of the valley, oh, my Lord.

I've never been to heaven but I've been told, that the streets up there are paved with gold.

What kind of shoes are those you wear, that you can walk up in the air?

These shoes I wear are gospel shoes, and you can wear them if you choose.

He's the Lily of the valley, oh, my Lord.

### **\* 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.**





# Happening at Canterbury

## Adult Opportunities

### Men's Breakfast | October 17 | 6:30 AM

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Thursday, October 17, at 6:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. We will discuss the upcoming events specifically designed for men of the church. So, if you are interested in being a part of a Life Group or signing up for a Men's Retreat, you don't want to miss this breakfast event!

\$12 per person. Register at: [www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast](http://www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast)

### Legacy Luncheon | October 29 | 12 Noon

Please join us for our "October Juke Fest" as we reminisce to the music from the 50's, 60's and 70's featuring Bob Norman and friends. Enjoy a fabulous lunch, fellowship, singing, and yes, some dancing on Tuesday, October 29 at Noon in Canterbury Hall. Please RSVP to [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org) by October 24.

### Divorce Support | New Session Begins October 29 | 6 PM

The Divorce Journey: Past, Present & Future. We are launching another group on Tuesday nights beginning on 10/29. This 10-week course is a safe and encouraging community where participants are guided along their unique journeys and beyond. Sessions include space for teaching, personal reflection and fellowship. Led by Rev. Leslie Etheredge in Room M200 on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. Registration deadline is October 28.

For more details and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## Youth@Canterbury

### Register for Journey Retreat

Our Journey Retreat will be held November 22-24, and we will be going to Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL. This is a retreat for all 7th-12th graders and is an awesome weekend filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! For more details and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth)

## Kids@Canterbury

### 4th Grade Faith Milestone | October 20 | 9:15 AM

We are so excited to see you and your 4th grader at our 4th grade milestone next week on October 20 during the Sunday School hour. We will be learning about how our faith pushes us out into the world to serve others.

Please RSVP at: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

## Hurricane Relief

Canterbury continues to graciously and generously respond to the recent needs of victims in the flooded and devastated areas across the southeast. Here are ways you can help:

FLOOD BUCKET ASSEMBLY on SERVE DAY OCT. 27 - We will assemble hurricane flood buckets that will be delivered to the UMCOR warehouse in Decatur. If you would like to donate the needed items for the buckets or if you would like to sign up to assemble the buckets, please visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/outreach](http://www.canterburyumc.org/outreach)

UMCOR DONATION - You may support UMCOR's disaster response by making a donation to Advance #901670. Please drop your check in the offering plate marked UMCOR #901670 - or make your donation online at: [www.umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670](http://www.umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670)

# *It's great* TO SERVE WITH **CANTERBURY**

## **Churchwide Day of Service | October 27 | 9:30 AM - 12 Noon**

Our Outreach ministries are guided by Matthew 25, to live out our call to love 'the least of these.' On Sunday morning, October 27, our entire church will experience this passage as we worship together through hands-on service from 9:30-11:30 AM.

**REMEMBER! NO regularly scheduled worship services will be taking place on October 27.**

There will be one brief service held at 9:30 AM in Canterbury Center.

### **Schedule:**

9:30 AM Gather for a brief worship service | Canterbury Center

10:00 AM Disperse to service projects

11:30 AM Enjoy a complimentary fellowship lunch

### **Projects Include:**

- RISE AGAINST HUNGER FINALE - Volunteers Needed: 200
- FLOOD BUCKET PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 20
- LITTLE BROWN BAG PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 75
- DECONSTRUCTING BUNKBEDS (Off-site) - Volunteers Needed: 25
- BOOKS TO PRISONS LETTER WRITING - Volunteers Needed: 20
- BAG MAKING ACTIVITY for HOMEBOUND - Volunteers Needed: 30
- THANKSGIVING CARDS for PRISONERS - Volunteers Needed: 25
- PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING - Volunteers Needed: 15
- CLEANING BUCKET PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 50

### **RESERVE YOUR SPOT at [www.canterburyumc.org/outreach](http://www.canterburyumc.org/outreach)**

It's very important that you register for the project that you would like to take part in so that we can accommodate all who want to participate!

**Scan to register!**

