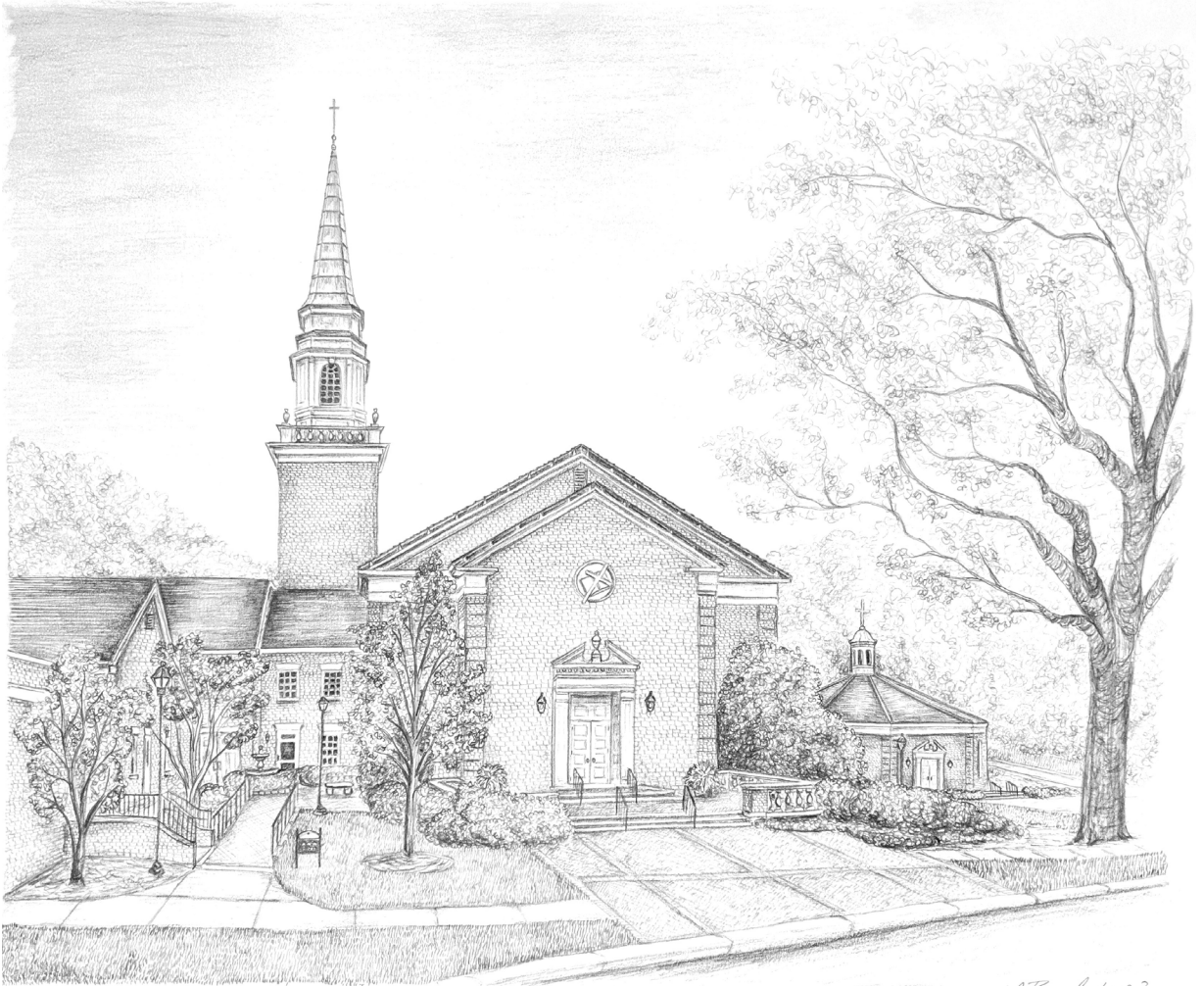


Sanctuary Worship

October 20, 2024



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. 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 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

- *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

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 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

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Membership: Rev. Matthew Montgomery
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205.868.6590 x2327

Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Voluntary

Allegro from Trio Sonata in E-Flat

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

* **Processional Hymn 529**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

* **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 Moment

Eleanor Kerr

Anthem

Ubi Caritas et Amor

Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is found.
The love of Christ has gathered us together;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
And with sincerity of heart let us love one another.

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

Sanctus (from Requiem)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!

* **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 548**

In Christ There is no East or West

MCKEE

The Lesson

Hebrews 13: 1-6

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

Sermon

The Gospel According to Circles

Dr. Bill Morgan

Closing Hymn 560

Help Us Accept Each Other

AURELIA

* **Dismissal & Blessing**

* **Recessional Prayer**

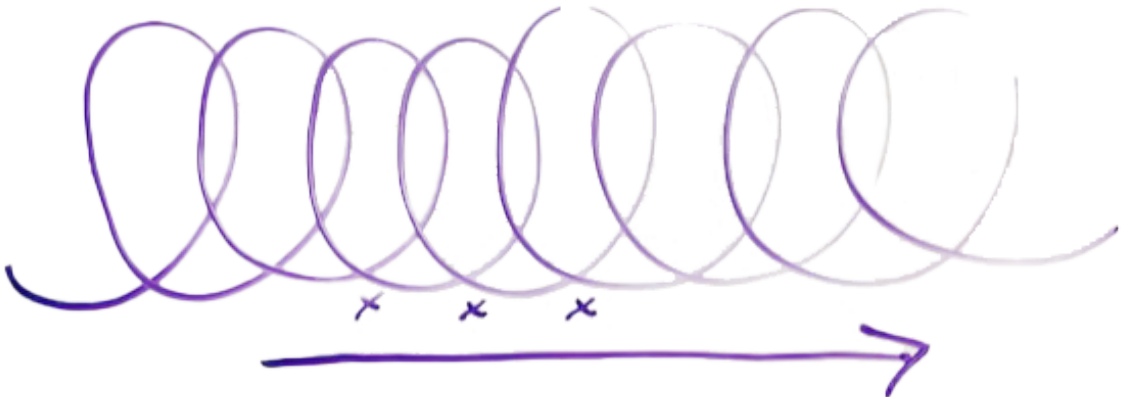
Allen Harrell, cantor

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar

Are placed in honor of Brookley Elizabeth Valencia & David Lacy Barnes, Jr. who were united in holy matrimony on October 19, 2024.

Thanksgiving for the life of

Larry Norred, Sr. (Laura Norred's father).....October 9, 2024



Happening at Canterbury

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.

Boy Scout Greenery Sale Today

Canterbury's Boy Scout Troop 63 is selling greenery as their only fundraiser once again this year! They are selling 22" (\$30) and 28" (\$40) wreaths as well as 10 ft garland (\$25). The scouts are selling greenery at the church this morning - look for tables outside of the Sanctuary and Canterbury Center. You may also contact Lauryn Walker at lwalker@purebarre.com if you would like to support the troop and place an order! Thank you!

Adult Opportunities

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 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

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

Kids@Canterbury

Family-friendly Projects @ Churchwide Service Day | October 27 | 9:30 AM

Families! There are two great projects that will be happening on this day where you and your children can have fun serving together. One is Rise Against Hunger meal packing and the other is Little Brown Bag packing. Register to reserve your spot: www.canterburyumc.org/outreach

1st Grade Faith Milestone | November 17 | 9:15 AM

Please register you and your 1st grader for the 1st grade milestone "I Can Touch the Water" on November 17 during the Sunday School hour. We will be learning about Baptism and how it teaches us who we are in God's eyes. Please RSVP at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Outreach

Hurricane Relief Opportunities

- FLOOD BUCKET ITEMS NEEDED - We will assemble hurricane flood buckets at our churchwide day of service on 10/27. If you would like to donate the needed items for the buckets that will be delivered to the UMCOR warehouse in Decatur, please purchase through Amazon at this link: <https://amzn.to/3NcZnRP>
- UMCOR DONATION - You may support UMCOR's hurricane disaster response for NC, TN & FL by making an online donation to Advance #901670. Visit: www.umcmission.org/advance-project/901670. You may also drop your check in the offering plate marked UMCOR #901670.
- CANTERBURY RELIEF DONATION - You may donate directly to our disaster relief fund by visiting www.fellowshiponegiving.com/app/giving/cant350271 - please select 'Disaster Relief Fund' from the drop down menu. You may also drop a check in the offering plate this morning marked Disaster Relief.

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

Canterbury, you have been so faithful over the years to provide new children's gifts to stock ASP's annual Christmas Village. This year's gift collection will be held from November 1-24. Shop for toys at your favorite local store or use the convenient Amazon Wish List. 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 Junior Board Interest Meeting | November 7 | 5:30 PM

If you are a young adult age 23-35 and interested in learning more about Avondale Samaritan Place and serving on the junior board, please join us at Parkside on 5th on 11/7 from 5:30-7:00 PM. Bring a friend for fun food and fellowship!

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

OCTOBER 27 | 4:30 PM | Canterbury UMC

Canterbury United Methodist Church Choir with orchestra

Mozart
REQUIEM

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

Scan to register!



RESERVE YOUR SPOT at 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!