

It's great
TO BE AT
CANTERBURY



Sanctuary Worship

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Welcome to Canterbury!

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



WORSHIP

Welcome to worship at Canterbury UMC where we seek to be a church full of real grace, and real love in the midst of real life. Guides are available to help you find your way, and hearing assist devices are available – ask an usher for assistance.

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 Sanctuary. Excellent nursery care is also available for 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. *Adjacent to the Narthex, the Children's Comfort Room is a place where you may sit with your child.*

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 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, 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.

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It's great TO BE AT **CANTERBURY**

This month, we have focused on what it means to be at Canterbury and have celebrated the past, present and our future. Thank you for supporting your church and its mission through your faith and generosity. Because of your commitment and love, it allows our church community to continue to say...
“It’s Great to be at Canterbury!”

Today is Commitment Sunday, and we ask that you be in prayer about what your time and financial commitment will be for Canterbury’s ministries in 2025. Please consider increasing your pledge by 5% – that small but significant increase will go a long way in helping to provide funds to support the wonderful growth we are experiencing as a church!

To make your pledge online, scan the QR code or visit www.canterburyumc.org/giving.



At Canterbury we know we are always invited —
invited to learn and invited to teach.
Invited to follow and invited to lead.
Invited to serve and invited to be served.
Canterbury is a constant, a comfort, a soft place to fall, and it is our perfectly imperfect church home. It’s great to be at Canterbury!

BECCA & JIMMY BRADY

Consider the **5%** challenge!

- If your pledge is \$100 consider making a pledge of \$105.
- If your pledge is \$1,000 consider making a pledge of \$1,050.
- If your pledge is \$5,000 consider making a pledge of \$5,250.
- If your pledge is \$10,000 consider making a pledge of \$10,500.
- If your pledge is \$20,000 consider making a pledge of \$21,000.

Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge by 5%. It could make a big difference!

Order of Worship

Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

* **Processional Hymn 731**

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

AUSTRIAN 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 Moment

Dr. Rick Owen

Reception of New Members

Gig & Ellen Robinson

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Anthem

A Joyful Alleluia

Gordon Young

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 Song of Mary

Richard Shephard

My Lord and Savior is my song, He fills my spirit with delight. To raise me up
His arm is strong, the lowly precious in His sight.
(Refrain:) Magnificat! Magnificat anima mea, Domine! (My soul magnifies the Lord!)
My name shall live from age to age, and every tongue His servant bless, for mercy is
their heritage whose hearts the Holy One confess. (Refrain)
The proud beguiled by dreams of power divided and degraded lie: He casts them
down from throne and tower and stoops to lift the humble high. (Refrain)
He feeds the hungry at his board and sends the rich unfilled away, and mindful of His
promised word has answered Israel's prayer today. (Refrain)
In every land begin the song, to every land the strains belong, in cheerful sounds all
voices raise, and fill the world with loudest praise. (Refrain)

*** 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 474**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

The Lesson

Jeremiah 29: 11-13

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

Sermon

It's Great to be at Canterbury: The Future

Rev. Keith Thompson

Celebration of God's Future Together

Everyone is invited to come forward

*** Closing Hymn 715**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

*** Dismissal & Blessing**

*** Recessional Prayer**

Allen Harrell, cantor

Thanksgiving for the lives of

Betty Pewitt (James Pewitt's mother).....September 8, 2024
Mary Jo Hall (Steve Hall's mother).....September 9, 2024
Jean Mary.....September 16, 2024

Happening at Canterbury

Grief Care | Begins October 9 | 12 Noon

When we lose someone we love, we embark on a journey not of our choosing. But it is a vital and sacred journey for grief just the same. This group serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. During this 6-week course, we will listen, share and gain important tools in navigating our unique grief experiences. These sessions will be offered 10/9-11/13 on Wednesdays at 12 Noon in Room M200. Led by Hill Carmichael. For more details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

ASP Pickle & Pours Pickleball Tournament | November 17

Save the date! Avondale Samaritan Place will host a super fun fundraising event on Sunday afternoon, November 17 at Magic City Pickleball Club. Registration details are coming soon. All are invited to come and join the fun! If you would like to be a Corporate Sponsor for the event, please email leighann.sisson@gmail.com.

Youth@Canterbury

Journey Retreat | Registration Opens September 23

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! Registration opens on the youth page of the church website tomorrow morning at 7 AM! This is a retreat that your student is not going to want to miss! www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Kids@Canterbury

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

Faith Milestones are a chance for the church to celebrate exactly who your child is right now and connect that to important parts of our faith practices here at church. We are so excited to see you and your 4th grader at our 4th grade milestone 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 so that we will be prepared with materials for your family. For more details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Adult Studies

Wednesday Evening Studies | Session 2 Begins October 9 | 6-7 PM

The next round of studies begin in just a few weeks! Register today at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

- A Deeper Dive into the Psalms
Led by Bishop Mike Watson | Room 226
- The Archeology of the Holy Land
Led by Paul McCracken | Room M227
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study (ongoing)
Led by Keith Thompson | Room 209, Wesley Hall
- Genesis: The Beginning (ongoing)
Led by Lisa Donnell and John Hutchinson | Room 228-229

It's great TO SERVE WITH CANTERBURY

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

For years, Canterbury's Outreach ministries have been guided by Jesus' words in Matthew 25. On Sunday morning, October 27, our church will experience this passage as we worship together through hands-on service from 9:30 AM-12 Noon. *No indoor worship services will be held.* Please make plans to join us as we live out our call to love 'the least of these' and for a day to remember that 'It's Great to Serve with Canterbury!'

Schedule:

9:30 AM Gather for a brief time of worship | CHAPEL PARKING LOT
10:00 AM Disperse to service projects
11:30 AM Enjoy a complimentary fellowship lunch

Projects Include:

- RISE AGAINST HUNGER FINALE - Volunteers Needed: 200
- KIDS ACTIVITY - Volunteers Needed: 25
- FLOOD BUCKET PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 40
- BOOKS TO PRISONS LETTER WRITING - Volunteers Needed: 20
- LITTLE BROWN BAG PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 75
- SAGE ACTIVITY for HOMEBOUND - Volunteers Needed: 30
- THANKSGIVING CARDS for PRISONERS - Volunteers Needed: 25
- PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING - Volunteers Needed: 15
- FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TEAM - Volunteers Needed: 10
- CLEAN UP, PAINTING & LANDSCAPING (Off-site at Midfield Ministry Center) - Volunteers Needed: 25
- SOUP MAKING (At home option) - Volunteers Needed: 25

Scan to register!



We will need over 500 volunteers to make this day a success!

Grab your friends and family and make sure to be a part of it! For full details on each of these



Thank You for Joining Us Today!