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Sanctuary Worship

September 14, 2025

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



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 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

- *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

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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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Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Voluntary

Adoration

Florence B. Price

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Bill Morgan

Stewardship Video

How Do You Connect?

*** Processional Hymn 547**

O Church of God, United

ELLACOMBE

*** 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

Breana Stallings

Baptism

Mary Charles Badham

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 Mary Charles in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for himself 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 Mary Charles, 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.

Choral Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTT GART

Child of blessing, Child of promise baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Daniel Seigel, solo

arr. James Cook

*** Hymn 550**

Christ, From Whom All Blessings Flow, vv. 1-4

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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

As the Disciples

Lee Hastings Bristol

As the disciples, when thy Son had left them, met in a love feast, joyfully conversing,
All the stored memory of the Lord's last supper fondly rehearsing.
So may we here, who gather now in friendship, seek for the spirit of those earlier churches,

Welcoming him who stands and for an entrance, patiently searches.
As when their converse closed and supper ended, taking the bread and wine they made thanksgiving,
Breaking and blessing, thus to have communion with Christ the living.
So may we here, a company of faithful, make this our love feast and commemoration,
That in his spirit we may have more worthy participation.

And as they prayed and sang to thee, rejoicing, ere in the nightfall they embraced and parted,
In their hearts singing as they journeyed homeward, brave and true-hearted.
So may we here, like grain that once was scattered over the hillside, now one bread united,
Led by the Spirit, do thy work rejoicing, lamps filled and lighted.

* **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.**

* **The Lesson**

Acts 2: 42-47

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

Sermon

Come. Connect. Commit: CONNECT

Rev. Keith Thompson

* **Closing Hymn 555**

Forward Through the Ages

ST. GERTRUDE

Reception of New Members

Sonny & Brenda Ryan

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 up hold 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.

* **Dismissal & Blessing**

* **Recessional Prayer**

Ted Clark, cantor

Thanksgiving for the life of

Judy Watson Kingry (Mike Watson's sister).....September 8, 2025

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

MARY CHARLES BADHAM

December 11, 2024

Parents: Abby & Phillip Badham

Sibling: Wesley Badham

Grandparents: Laura & Charles Spurlin, Patti & (the late) Percy Badham

Happening at Canterbury

Fall Studies Continue!

SESSION 2 Begins Wednesday, October 1

Our Pastors and Staff are teaching their same “Fall Favorites” again for Session 2. If you missed a study from Session 1, here’s your chance!



- ACTS - Hill Carmichael
- JOHN - Rick Owen
- REVELATION - Keith Thompson
- JOB - Matthew Montgomery
- PSALMS - Mike Watson

- JAMES - Tori Hastings
- GENESIS - Eleanor Christiansen & Natalie Moon
- JONAH - Annie Skinner
- PAUL - Lisa Donnell & Team

To register, scan the QR code above or visit:
www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Keith Thompson’s Bible Study Sundays | 5:30 PM

You’re invited to join this study, meeting every Sunday at 5:30 PM in Room M208. This ongoing study is currently focused on II Kings, offering a meaningful time of teaching and discussion. All are welcome. Registration is not required.

Legacy Luncheon | September 23 | 12:00 PM

Make plans to join us for a very special and inspiring Legacy Luncheon as we welcome Dr. John Waits from Freedom Farm. RSVP by 9/18:
valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

Men’s Breakfast | September 25 | 6:30 AM

Join us for our quarterly breakfast as we welcome Canterbury’s Dave Wood, who will share inspiring stories from his Veterans Flights; a mission where he uses his own aircraft to help veterans travel when special needs arise. Enjoy breakfast (\$12), fellowship, and words that will encourage! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast

Encore Volunteer Training | October 1 | 9 AM

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of those living with dementia or memory loss, Encore would love for you to join the program as a volunteer. This is the most rewarding experience that you could ask for! Join us for the training on 10/1. Register: encorepatti@gmail.com.

Grief Care | Begins October 1 | 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. Led by Hill Carmichael on Wednesdays (10/1-11/5) at Noon. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/care

EngAGE Lunch & Learn | October 7 | 11:30 AM

Please join us for a FREE community lunch and learn with Canterbury’s own Dr. Amanda Cartee! Over lunch, Dr. Cartee will guide us through the fascinating world of gut health and how it plays a vital role in our overall well-being. It will be held from 11:30-1:00 PM in Wesley Hall. Register: valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

Dad & Me Nerf Challenge | September 28 | 2 PM

Join us for an exciting afternoon of Nerf fun for kids and their dads... or any father-figure! Come dressed in camo or play clothes, bring your favorite Nerf toy (or borrow one from our stash), and get ready for friendly challenges! While all ages are welcome, note that the games are fast-paced and may be best suited for elementary-aged kids. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children



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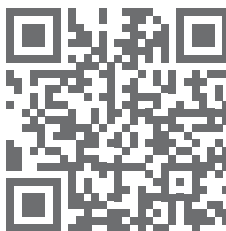


Commitment Sunday September 21

Join us when we will make our commitments together as a church and look with hope to where God is leading us in 2026.

Your continued financial commitments allow us to thrive in all the areas that truly make a difference in the lives of those around us.

Scan the QR code to pledge today!



Questions? Contact the Finance Office or visit the website below.

www.canterburyumc.org/giving