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Sanctuary Worship

September 21, 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. 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

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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 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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Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Commitment Sunday

Voluntary

Now Thank We All our God

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Rick Owen

Stewardship Video

Why Do You Commit To Canterbury?

*** Processional Hymn 64**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

*** 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.*

Reception of New Members

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Amazing Grace
Rebecca Bolding, solo

arr. Allen Orton Gibbs

* **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 549**

Where Charity and Love Prevail, vv. 1-4

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The Lesson

1 Peter 4: 8-11

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

Sermon

Come. Connect. Commit: COMMIT

Rev. Keith Thompson

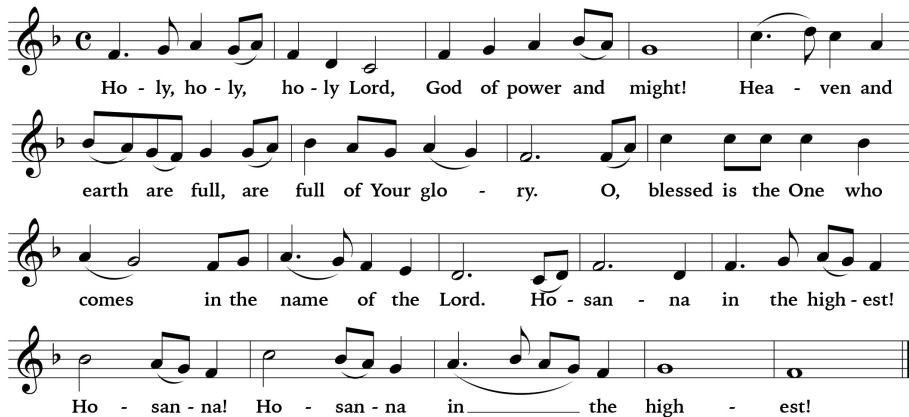
The Great Thanksgiving

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:



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

A Time Of Commitment

You may bring your pledge card forward as you receive communion.

Anthems During Communion

Father, We Thank You

RENDEZ A DIEU

Father, we thank you, for you planted your holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus your Son to us imparts.
Lord, you have made all for your pleasure, and given us food for all our days,
Giving in Christ the bread eternal; yours is the power, be yours the praise.
Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still;
Perfect it in your love, unite it, cleansed and conformed unto your will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, was in the broken bread made one,
So from all lands your church be gathered into your kingdom by your Son.

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD

*** Dismissal & Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

Congratulations

- to Betsy & Richmond Watson, proud parents of a baby boy, Richmond Sharbrough Watson, Jr., born on September 8, 2025.
- to Jenna & Sam Hudson, proud parents of a baby girl, Ann Katherine Hudson, born on September 14, 2025.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the altar are placed in honor of Pressley Cain O'Ferrell & Logan Jeffrey Brewer who were united in holy matrimony on September 20, 2025.

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.

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

Join us for 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) and fellowship. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast

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, bring your favorite Nerf toy, and get ready for some fun and friendly challenges! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Encore Volunteer Training | October 1 | 9 AM

Come 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 upcoming 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

Join us for a FREE lunch and learn with Canterbury’s 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. 11:30-1:00 PM, Wesley Hall. Register: valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

RISE Connect Fall Retreat | October 17-18

4th-6th graders, join us for a 24-hour retreat at Camp Sumatanga filled with worship, hiking, games, and time with God and friends! Cost is \$125 (includes t-shirt, meals, lodging, and supplies). Canterbury priority registration ends Sept. 29; final deadline is October 1. Don’t miss it! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

YAC Journey Retreat | November 21-23

Save the date! Journey will be November 21-23 at Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL. This is a fall retreat for all 7th-12th graders (friends welcome!). Registration will open September 29. Details: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

