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**Sanctuary Worship**

**September 28, 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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/attendance)



**Senior Pastor** - Rev. Keith Thompson

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**Pastor** - Dr. Bill Morgan

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 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](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. To set that up, contact the church office at 205-871-4695.

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## **CONTACT US**

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# Order of Worship

## Voluntary

Impromptu  
Millicent Hawthorne, Assistant Organist

Louis Vierne

## Welcome and Announcements

Eleanor Christiansen

### \* Processional Hymn 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

### \* 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

### Baptism

Jack Newton Dunn, IV & Morgan Frances Kennedy

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 Jack Newton & Morgan Frances 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 Jack Newton and Morgan Frances, 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 faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother and 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**

Jesus, My Salvation

JESU, MEINE FREUDE

Jesus, my salvation, and my heart's possession, Jesus, all my joy,  
With what great desiring, with what deep despairing I have longed for thee!  
Lamb of God, O well-beloved, here on earth no joy allures me; nothing less can please me.

### **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**

Poor Man Lazarus

Spiritual, arr. Jester Hairston

Poor man Laz'rus sick and disabled;  
(Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame.)  
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table.  
Rich man Dives, he lived so well; And when he died he went straight to hell.  
I love to shout, I love to sing; I love to praise my heav'nly King!

- \* Doxology

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.

OLD 100TH
- \* Gospel Processional Hymn 340

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy, v. 1

RESTORATION
- \* Gospel Lesson

Luke 16: 19-31

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.
- \* Gospel Processional Hymn 340

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy, v. 4

RESTORATION
- Sermon

Rev. Keith Thompson
- \* Closing Hymn 438

Forth In Thy Name, O Lord

DUKE STREET
- \* Dismissal & Blessing
- \* Recessional Prayer

Ted Clark, cantor

**Thanksgiving for the life of**  
Jane Street (Kathy Logue’s mother).....September 20, 2025

**Congratulations to**  
Aubie & Jamie Andrews, proud parents of James Rheumed Andrews, IV, born on September 4, 2025.

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

JACK NEWTON DUNN, IV	MORGAN FRANCES KENNEDY
March 3, 2025	August 23, 2024
Parents: Jennifer & Jay Dunn	Parents: Hannah & Morgan Kennedy
Grandparents: Dawn & Christopher Brasher,	Sibling: Jack Kennedy
Elizabeth & Jack Dunn	Grandparents: Peggy Kennedy,
Great-grandparents: Sue Brasher, Bill McDonald, Sr.	(the late) Henry Kennedy, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Torbert, Jr.

# 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](http://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.

### An Opportunity to Enrich Our Worship

Sanctuary flowers are a meaningful way to honor a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or recognize the impact of a ministry within our church. By providing flowers for a worship service, you not only bring beauty to our Sanctuary but also share your joy or remembrance with the whole church family. Each dedication will be noted in the worship bulletin. To reserve your date and make a tribute through this gesture, email [brittany.smith@canterburyumc.org](mailto:brittany.smith@canterburyumc.org) or call 205-874-1521.

### 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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/care)

### Encore Volunteer Training | October 1 | 2:30 PM

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](mailto:encorepatti@gmail.com)

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

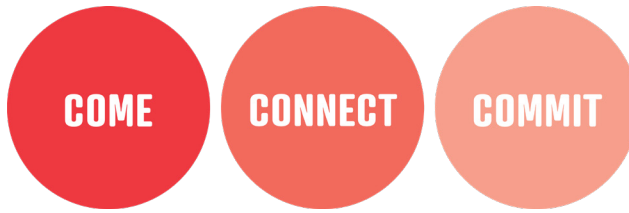
Join us for a FREE lunch and learn with Canterbury’s Dr. Amanda Cartee! Over lunch, Dr. Cartee will guide us through the fascinating world of gut health and how it plays a vital role in our overall well-being. 11:30-1:00 PM, Wesley Hall. Register: [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org)

### 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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

### YAC Journey Retreat | November 21-23

**Registration opens tomorrow!** Journey is November 21-23 at Shocco Springs in Talladega. This is a fall retreat for all 7th-12th graders, and friends are always welcome! Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth)

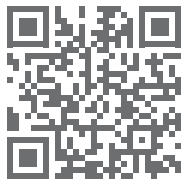


## Thank you!

We are deeply grateful for each of you who has made a pledge toward our 2026 vision. Your generosity is providing life-changing ministry today and building a foundation for all God is calling us to in the years ahead. Thank you for your faithfulness!

If you haven't had the chance to make your pledge yet, it's not too late. Every gift, large or small, makes a difference and helps us move forward together as one church, connected and committed to God's work in our community and beyond.

**Visit [www.canterburyumc.org/giving](http://www.canterburyumc.org/giving)  
or scan the QR code to pledge today!**



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