

NURSERY CARE FOR AGES 0 TO 4 YEARS OLD

During the worship service we provide nursery care. If you need assistance, please ask an usher.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS OLD

Following the children's message, children are invited to exit the sanctuary with a children's church team member and proceed upstairs (above nursery) for Children's Church. Parents, please pick up your child at this room following worship.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- To share** God's love with all people.
- To serve** the Lord with humility and kindness.
- To grow** with the Lord in wisdom and strength.

FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

Pastor Jason Stump 757-630-6577 or Church 757-255-4353
pastorstump@gmail.com or office@oaklanducc.com

*"Please no calls/texts after 8pm, or before 8am, unless it is a true emergency.
Rev. Stump is typically off and unavailable on Friday and Saturday.
Please consider if your contact can wait until a better time."*

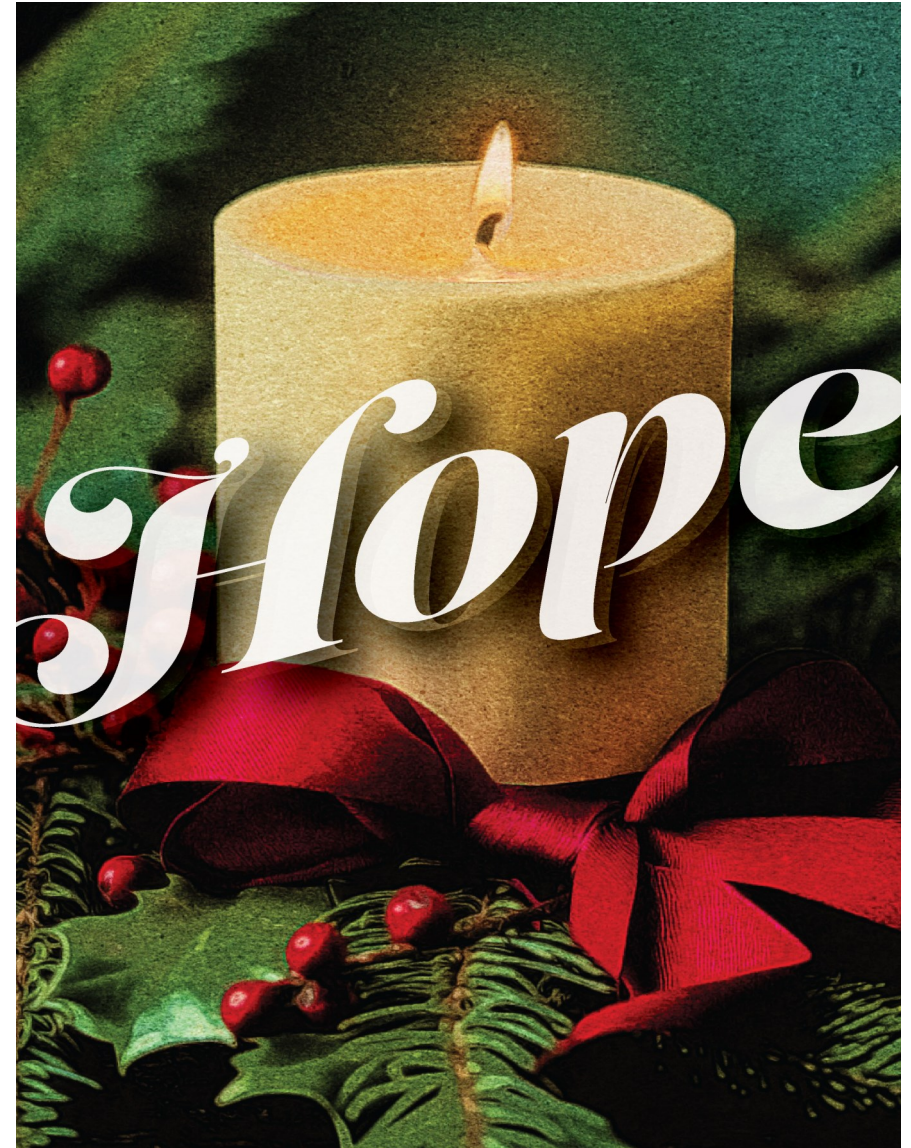
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Oakland Christian United Church of Christ *Est. 1872*
Sunday, December 1, 2024



Whoever you are or wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Contributing to Worship Today

Minister Rev. Jason Stump
 Minister of Music Paul Putnam
 Liturgist Susan Bunch

 *Let us know you are here by signing the red pad on the back of the pew in front of you.*


ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION (Nursery Available)

Sunday 10am to 10:45am

Friendship Class - Sunday School Room - Godwin Building
 Coffee & Company - Community Life Center

Sunday 11am - Worship Gathering in Sanctuary

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- Dec 3 Loaves & Fishes - Sanctuary Hall (10am)
- Dec 3 Staff Luncheon - Office closed from 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Dec 3 Jewels - Had to sign up for this one previously
 Holland's Restaurant- 100 N. Commerce St. (6pm)
- Dec 3 Men's Fellowship—George's Steakhouse (6pm)
- Dec 8 Church Christmas Party - CLC - immediately following church 
- Dec 12 Prison Angel Tree Meeting - All Volunteers - CLC (6pm)
- Dec 13 Making Fresh Wreaths - Ronnie Kelly's Nursery (6pm)
- Dec 14 Hanging Wreaths - Outside at Church (9am)
- Dec 15 Cantata - Sunday Worship (11am)
- Dec 18 Ice Skating - Downtown Suffolk - (6:45pm - 7:45pm) Details to come
- Dec 19 Loaves and Fishes - Food Distribution CLC Drive-Thru (11am)
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (9pm)
- Dec 25 Deadline for Newsletter— Dec 25 Office Closed

Attendance Last Sunday 83

*Weekly Collection (Nov 18 thru Nov 24) \$53,435.92 Year to Date: \$301,418.51

*Collection to the Gen Fund - Includes online & mailed in offerings.

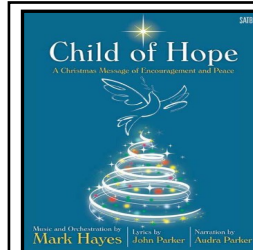
Giving: Call the office and Connie can get you set up online, or provide you with offering envelopes. 757-255-4353.



DECEMBER 8TH

Join us after Church for festive fellowship, Christmas cheer, advent activities, and pizza for all!

We will celebrate with festive fellowship, Christmas cheer, an advent activity for the family, and, of course, there will be pizza for all! Come dressed to impress from festive flair to tacky sweaters, we hope to see your Christmas Best-- prizes will be given :)



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DECEMBER 15TH - 11AM SERVICE

“CHILD OF HOPE”

PRESENTED BY OAKLAND CHRISTIAN UCC
 CHANCEL CHOIR



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

The amazing Handbell Choir will be playing arrangements of “Do You Hear What I Hear” & “The First Noel”. Also on that Sunday, the chancel choir will be singing the John Rutter classic, “The Angels Carol”



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

9PM

Christmas Eve worship will be extra special with our returning harpist, Danielle Caldwell



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY INVITATION

January 15 through February 26

9:45-12:00pm

A 7-Session Study of 6 Prayers in the Bible

Sign up deadline January 5th

Contact: Julie Hase 757-373-4255 or MaryAnne Riddick 757-377-8353



IN OUR PRAYERS

Home

Colen Hodgson	Sharon Creekmore	Charles Johnson	Randy Rowell
Jackie Pierce	Anne Hodgson	Barbara Nelms	Ed Carter
Linda Lowers	John Mellon	Mildred King	

In the Hospital and Nursing Homes

Mary Anne Biggs - Hospital in Richmond Marguerite Butler - Accordius Health
 Chris Hathaway - Dockside Health & Rehab Locust Hill, VA

*Our Christian sympathy is extended to family, friends, and caregivers
 of Nick Sarick on his passing .*

Prayers for Friends and Family

Anonymous (Jean Keeling's friend)
 John Venzyl (Pastor Stump's friend)
 Eileen Murphy (Mary Haddad's cousin)
 Jason Pruss (Samantha Fly's brother)
 Rob Johnson (Julie and John Johnson's son)
 Michael Schine (Karen Schine's husband)
 Charla Mathes (Samantha Fly's friend)
 Joe Jackson (Yolanda Jackson's husband)
 Sandy and Wally Fuchs (Laurel Johnson's sister and brother in-law)
 Sidney Preedy (Sharon Winslow's father)
 Kathy Duval (Laurel Johnson's friend)
 Karen Beck (Laurel Johnson's sister-in-law)
 Tim Boyer (Babler family friend)
 Barb Howell (Pam and Paul Saunders' friend)
 Greyson Culpepper (Rhonda Culpepper's grandson) Home
 Loretta Overholt (Wilma Roth's sister)
 Jane Waller (Kim Waller's mother)
 Alexa Frey (Danna & Rick Vroman's great niece)
 Payton Vroman (Danna & Rick Vroman's granddaughter)
 Heather Brookover (Kirsten Creely's friend)
 Judy Shiers (Cheryl Rudd's friend) and Bobby Baker (Cherly Rudd's friend)
 Terry Wilburn (Denise & Frank Spady's friend)
 Naomi Shockley (June Felton's great niece)
 Danny Perryman and David Johnson (Susie Eaton's uncle and brother)
 Anne Ducate (Sadie Boyer's sister) - Home, Columbia, SC

A GATHERING FOR WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A GATHERING ALLELUIA *"Alleluia, Alleluia"*

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE *"Sleepers Wake"* *J.S. Bach*

***HYMN OF GATHERING** *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* NO. 119

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: In the midst of night's shadows and anguish,

People: We pray earnestly to experience your presence.

Liturgist: As dawn slips into the horizon and relieves night of its reign,

People: We pray earnestly to sense your presence.

Liturgist: As daylight grows into noontime, filled with the glow of sun's light,

People: We pray earnestly to know your presence.

***THE GLORIA** *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* **NO. 155 (REFRAIN ONLY)**
 YOU MAY BE SEATED . . .

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE ~ HOPE OAKLAND STAFF
 TRACY COOPER, RHONDA CULPEPPER, CONNIE EDWARDS,
 ROSEVELT JONES, DEANDRA PARKS, PAUL PUTNAM, PASTOR JASON STUMP

HYMN *"One Candle Is Lit"* **VERSE 1 NO. 128**

*Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
 Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
 Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
 One candle is lit for the hope of the age.*

INVOCATION

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

God of the Possible and Probable, gloom often encapsulates us when life is confusing and conflict is great. Our faith is rattled, and we are swallowed by shadows of fear. The world often feels like the end is near even when a new beginning is around the corner. We forget that even when shadows have lengthened, there remains a crack in the surface. Light begins to stream into our space, and warmth dances upon our hearts. When fear unnerves us, may we cling to the hope of God's love and the possibilities of joy once again. Amen.--

WORDS OF GRACE

LET THE CHILDREN COME

CHILDREN MAY HEAD TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

ANTHEM

"Waiting"

Choplin

*THE PRAYER HYMN

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

No. 135

THE MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel*

THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

JEREMIAH 33: 14-16 (OT PAGE 738)

1 THESSALONIAN 3: 9-13 (NT PAGE 204)

LUKE 21: 25-36 (NT PAGE 85)

LITURGIST

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PASTOR

SERMON

"FOR ALL THE JOY"

**Stand if you are able*

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Invitation

One: God be with you.

Many: The Holy One is with us.

One: May our hardened hearts be softened.

Many: We lift them up to the Holy One with thanksgiving and in hopeful expectation.

Words of Thanksgiving ~ Words of Remembrance

Words of Institution ~ Words of Prayer

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 46

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*HYMN OF PARTING

"Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

No. 125

*THE COMMISSIONING (UNISON)

Let us now go forth into the world in peace, to be of good courage, to hold fast to that which is good, to render to no one evil for evil, to strengthen the fainthearted, to support the weak, to help the afflicted, and to rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day,
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always,
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life,
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.*

*POSTLUDE

*Today's altar flowers are given by Susan and Ray Bunch
to the honor and glory of our gracious God
and in memory of our parents,
Jeane and Ken Shoaf and Mary Emma and Elmer Bunch*