

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
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*"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 22, 2024



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

Contributing to Worship Today

Guest Minister Rev. Gary Newsome
Minister of Music Paul Putnam
Liturgist Rob Rhodes
Children's Message Betty Rhodes



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 23 *Deadline for Newsletter Articles*****

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (9pm)

Dec 25 Office Closed - Christmas Day

Jan 1 Office Closed - New Year's Day

Jan 7 Loaves and Fishes Committee Meeting - Sanctuary Hall (10am)

Jan 16 Loaves and Fishes Drive Thru Food Distribution

Jan 21 Jewels - Hostesses, Kirsten and Carole - CLC (6pm)

Jan 21 Men's Fellowship - Casadores Mexican Restaurant, 1701 Main St. (6pm)

Jan 22 Council Mtg - Little Kitchen (6pm)

Jan 25 Deadline for Newsletter Articles



Choir & Bell rehearsals Thursday 6:30pm & 7:30pm respectively.

Minister of Music will communicate exceptions to practice.

Attendance Last Sunday 172

*Weekly Collection (Dec 9 thru Dec 15) \$5,053.00 Year to Date: \$342,762.51

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



Community Invitation to
Wesley Chapel's Christmas Concert
December 19th at 7:30 pm



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH @ 9 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
And
Lighting of the Christ Candle

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 every Wednesday

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
John Mellon Mary Anne Biggs

In the Hospital and Nursing Homes

Marguerite Butler - Accordius Health
Chris Hathaway - Dockside Health - Locust Hill, VA

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 & John Johnson's son) Michael Schine (Karen Schine's husband)
Charla Mathes (Samantha Fly's friend) Joe Jackson (Yolanda Jackson's husband)
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 & Paul Saunders' friend) Loretta Overholt (Wilma Roth's sister)
Heather Brookover (Kirsten Creely's friend) Jane Waller (Kim Waller's mother)
Naomi Shockley (June Felton's great niece) Bobby Baker (Cherly Rudd's friend)
Danny Perryman (Susie Eaton's uncle) Judy Shiers (Cheryl Rudd's friend)
Alexa Frey (Danna & Rick Vroman's great niece)
Payton Vroman (Danna & Rick Vroman's granddaughter)
Terry Wilburn (Denise & Frank Spady's friend)
Anne Ducate (Sadie Boyer's sister) - Home, Columbia, SC
Sandy and Wally Fuchs (Laurel Johnson's sister and brother in-law)
Greyson Culpepper (Rhonda Culpepper's grandson) Home

**A GATHERING FOR WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

A GATHERING ALLELUIA *"Alleluia, Alleluia"*

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE *"Do You Hear What I Hear" & "The First Noel"*
Oakland Handbell Choir

***HYMN OF GATHERING** *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"* NO. 150

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Children of God: welcome!

People: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Liturgist: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

Liturgist: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

**People: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.
In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.**

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

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE ~ LOVE ZYDRON FAMILY
ASHLEY AND MATT, ADDIE, CONNOR, AURORA

HYMN *"One Candle Is Lit"* **VERSE 4 NO. 128**

*Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,
where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
a babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.
One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.*

INVOCATION

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

Father, we love you. We honor you. Jesus. We worship you. We exalt your name above all names. Jesus be the Lord of our life today in new ways, reveal the fullness of your majesty at the father's right-hand honor and glorify yourself by living in, and through each one of us, change us any way you want. Wash clean of every sin. Fill us with the power of your spirit. Keep us from evil that we would not cause pain to others. Give us the courage to be humble. The humility to be courageous, continue to teach us how to love and forgive unconditionally. Fill us with your wisdom. Discern that knowledge and understanding. Give us an insatiable thirst, an uncontrollable hunger for you, your word in your ways in Jesus, that each one of us would be walking, breathing instruments of your love and grace, mercy and truth, justice, and righteousness. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

LET THE CHILDREN COME

Children may head to Children's Church after the message

ANTHEM "Candlelight Carol" Rutter

*THE PRAYER HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 149

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*

**Stand if you are able*

THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

1 JOHN 4:15,16 (NT)
EXODUS 28:35 (OT)

LITURGIST
PASTOR

SERMON "I HEARD THE BELLS"

*THE PRAYER HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 149

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 46

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*HYMN OF PARTING "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 155

*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 Nick Sarick's Caregivers
to the glory of our gracious God
and in memory of Nick Sarick.*