

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."*

Oakland Christian Church Staff

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Oakland Christian United Church of Christ *Est. 1872*
Sunday, December 29, 2024



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

Contributing to Worship Today

MinisterRev. Jason Stump
Minster of Music Peggy Muse
Liturgist Kendall Burgess



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

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

- Jan 1 Office Closed - New Year's Day
- Jan 7 Loaves and Fishes Committee Meeting - Sanctuary Hall (10am)
- Jan 12 Deacon Training with lunch - CLC (12 noon)
- Jan 15 Women's Bible Study - CLC (9:45 - 12 noon)
- Jan 15 BOCE - Little Kitchen (6:30pm)
- Jan 16 Loaves and Fishes Drive Thru Food Distribution - CLC (11am)
- Jan 21 Jewels - Hostesses Denise, Ella Mae, and Pam - CLC (6pm)
- Jan 21 Men's Fellowship - Casadores Mexican Restaurant, 1701 Main St.(6pm)
- Jan 22 Women's Bible Study - CLC (9:45 - 12 noon)
- Jan 22 Council Mtg - Little Kitchen (6pm)
- Jan 25 Deadline for Newsletter Articles
- Jan 29 Women's Bible Study - CLC (9:45 - 12 noon)
- Feb 2 Souper Bowl Sunday (CLC) 12pm

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

Minister of Music will communicate exceptions to practice.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY INVITATION

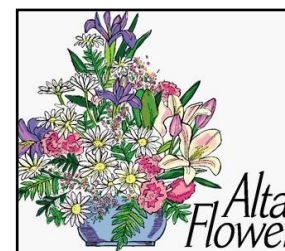
January 15 through February 26

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 Mary Anne Riddick 757-377-8353



The 2025 Altar Flower Calendar

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please sign up on the Flower Chart located on the bulletin board by the steps in The Sanctuary Hall.

The office will contact you to find out what you want written in the Sunday bulletin.

Attendance Last Sunday 110

*Weekly Collection (Dec 16 thru Dec 22) \$16,990.21

Year to Date: 364,243.72

*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.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Home

Rev. Eddie Walker	Colen Hodgson	Rev. Mary Anne Biggs
Charles Johnson	Randy Rowell	Jackie Pierce
Anne Hodgson	Barbara Nelms	John Mellon

In the Hospital and Nursing Homes

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

Prayers for Friends and Family

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

A GATHERING FOR WORSHIP 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

A GATHERING ALLELUIA

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE

Peggy Muse, piano

*HYMN OF GATHERING

"The First Noel"

NO. 151

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Praise God from the heights! The Holy One is transcendent, radiant, and glorious.

People: Salvation, redemption, and liberation come from above and dwell among us.

Liturgist: Praise God from the earth! Emmanuel is humble, gracious, and near.

People: Past, present, and future rests in the work of our hands in God's hands.

Liturgist: Praise the name of God! The great I AM hears our cry, responds to our need, and still speaks to our spirits.

People: Blessing, honor, and power belong to our God. Praise God!

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

**Stand if you are able*

INVOCATION

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

Holy God, you hold wisdom and knowledge beyond our ability to imagine or comprehend. Yet, you reveal yourself and the wonders of your creation to us. Regrettably, we allow the busyness of our lives, the distraction of our days, and the influences of the world to pull us from your revelation, presence, and hopes for us. Hold us accountable to your covenant so that as you are with us, we will be with you. Make us a righteous branch in the vineyard. In the name of Jesus and hope of restoration, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

LET THE CHILDREN COME

Children may head to Children's Church after the message.

*THE PRAYER HYMN

"What Child Is This"

No. 162

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

1 SAMUEL 2: 18-20; 26 (OT 246)

LUKE 2: 41-52 (NT 59)

LITURGIST

PASTOR

SERMON

"WE FOUND HIM?!"

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

THE OFFERTORY

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Joseph's Song"

Robert Fly, solo

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 46

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*THE HYMN OF PARTING

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

No. 164

*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

**Stand if you are able*