

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."*

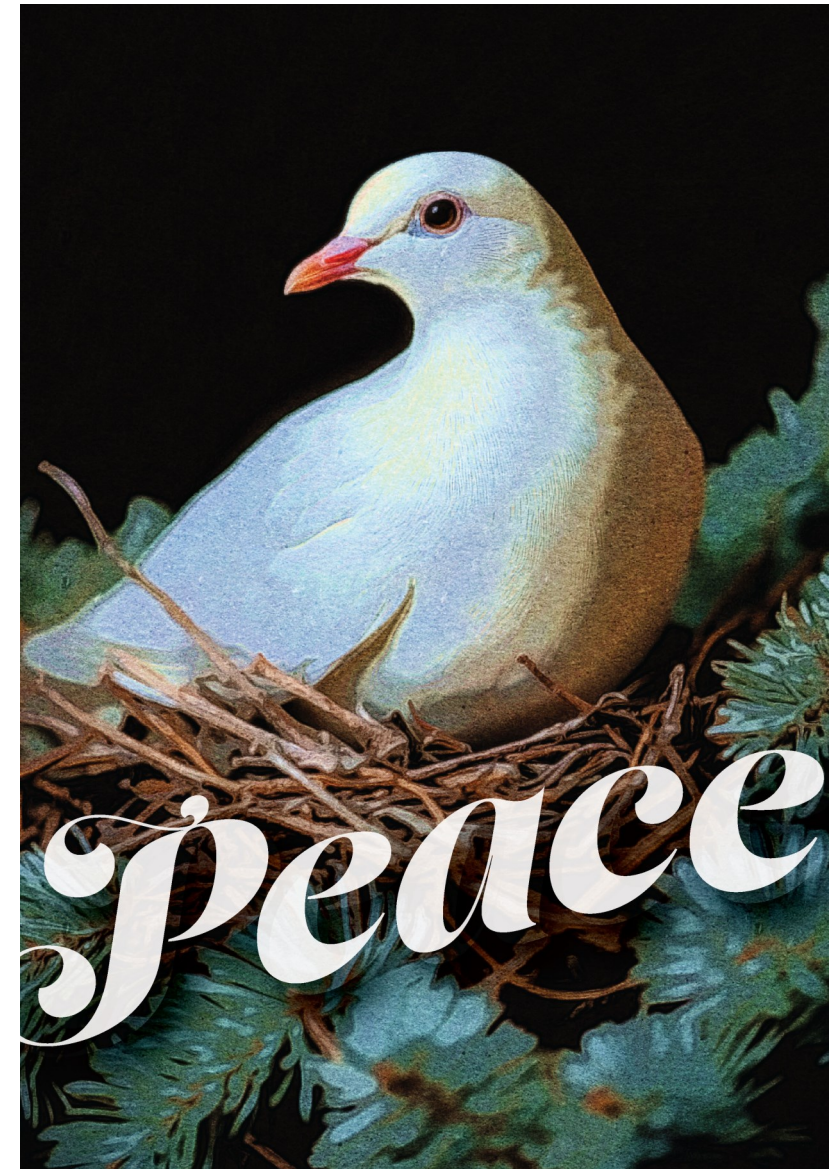
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Oakland Christian United Church of Christ *Est. 1872*
Sunday, December 8, 2024



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 Karen Schine

😊 *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 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 Festival Park (6:30)
 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

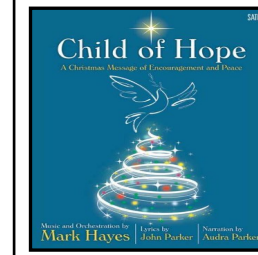
🎵 *Choir & Bell rehearsals Thursday 6:30pm & 7:30pm respectively.
 Minister of Music will communicate exceptions to practice.*

Attendance Last Sunday 108

*Weekly Collection (Nov 25 thru Dec 1) \$35,199 Year to Date: \$345,617.51

*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.



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”



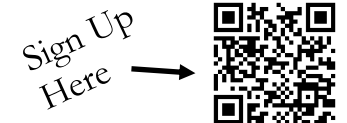
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
 9PM

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



ICE SKATING
DOWNTOWN SUFFOLK FESTIVAL PARK
 215 W. WASHINGTON ST.
JOIN US DECEMBER 18 @ 6:30PM

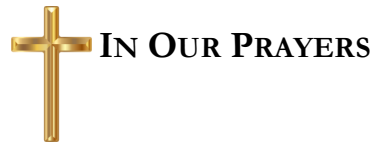
Contact: Samantha Fly if you have questions
 757-685-6647



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 Ed Carter
Linda Lowers John Mellon Mildred King Mary Anne Biggs

In the Hospital and Nursing Homes

Marguerite Butler - Accordius Health
Chris Hathaway - Dockside Health & Rehab 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 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
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

A GATHERING ALLELUIA *"Alleluia, Alleluia"*

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE *"Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring"* Bach/Hayes

***HYMN OF GATHERING** *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* NO. 155

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Underneath life's expanding shadows,

People: We call out "Pave the way for our God!"

Liturgist: On the dusty roads of life's wilderness,

People: we call out "Pave the way for our God!"

Liturgist: As we near the top of mountains, rejoicing under the sunlight,

People: we call out "Pave the way for our God!"

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

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE ~ PEACE

SAMANTHA, ROBERT, AND CHARLOTTE FLY

HYMN

“One Candle Is Lit”

VERSE 2 NO. 128

*Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.
One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.*

INVOCATION

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

God of Blissful Serenity,

As you move about your Realm on Earth, you desire our prayers to come alive. Knowing the hopes of our hearts, you call us to create action that will help our neighbors. Yet, there are times we continue to pray in mind only, never fulfilling our calling to care for our neighbors. What we forget is that joy abounds when we can transform a prayer from thoughts to concrete actions, blessing our siblings across our world. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

LET THE CHILDREN COME

CHILDREN MAY HEAD TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

ANTHEM

“Canticle of the Turning” arr. A.K. Organ

***THE PRAYER HYMN** *“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”* NO. 138

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

MALACHI 3: 1-4 (OT PAGE 889)

LUKE 3: 1-6 (NT PAGE 60)

LITURGIST

PASTOR

SERMON

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *"I Will Be Here"* Robert Fly, solo
*THE DOXOLOGY NO. 46

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

***HYMN OF PARTING** *“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”* NO. 129

***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 Lynne and DJ Johnston
to the honor and glory of our gracious God
and in honor of their thirtieth wedding anniversary.*

**Stand if you are able*