

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, January 5, 2025



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

Contributing to Worship Today

MinisterRev. Jason Stump
 Minister of MusicPaul Putnam
 Liturgist Helena Burgess

 *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

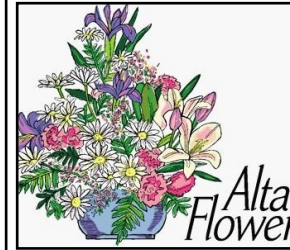
Sunday 11am - Worship Gathering in Sanctuary

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- Jan 7 Council Mtg - Little Kitchen (6pm)
- Jan 12 Committees Kickoff—CLC - Immediately following worship
- Jan 19 Deacon Training with lunch - CLC—Immediately following worship
- 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 25 Deadline for Newsletter Articles
- Jan 26 Deacon Installation - Worship
- 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.



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.



COMMITTEE ORIENTATION AND PLANNING MEETING

Sunday January 12th after church.
 Lunch will be provided.

It's open to all members of all the committees in the Church.



The Eastern Virginia Association of the United Church of Christ is joining together to celebrate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday January 19th, 3pm at Providence UCC, 2200 Vickers Avenue in Chesapeake. Rev. Stump will be driving the church bus for those who would like to attend, but want to ride the bus. The bus will leave Oakland Christian UCC promptly at 2pm.

To sign up to ride the church bus, please click this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4DACAA2BA5FC1-54173513-rev>

Attendance Last Sunday 89

*Weekly Collection (Dec 23 thru Dec 29) \$7,055

Year to Date: \$371,298.72

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

Loose Change 2024 Project Grand Total: \$638.60

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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

A GATHERING ALLELUIA *"Alleluia, Alleluia"*

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE *"Song for a New Year "* *Martin*

***HYMN OF GATHERING** *"We Three Kings"* No. 172

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Sirach 24)**

Liturgist: Wisdom praises herself and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.

People: She brings worlds into being and illuminates the night sky with stars in the heavens.

Liturgist: Wisdom declares herself and tells of her might in the midst of her people.

People: She strengthens her children and grants peace to the people.

Liturgist: Wisdom praises herself and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.

People: She bestows grace and redemption and makes mystery known. Praise Wisdom!

***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, all things came into being through you. You enlighten our lives. Yet, we are drawn to shadows and veils. We distance ourselves from the conditions of oppression and despair of our neighbors, and we hide from your displeasure and disappointment at our limited allegiance to the kin-dom. Ignite a hunger and thirst for righteousness, justice, and truth in us. Spark compassion in our hearts. 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 ANTHEM *"We Will Worship Him, Too"* Hayes

*THE PRAYER HYMN *"What Was Your Vow and Vision"* No. 177

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

EPHESIANS 1: 3-14 (NT 192)

JOHN 1: 1-18 (NT 91)

LITURGIST

PASTOR

SERMON

COSMIC LOVE STORY

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Invitation

Words of Thanksgiving ~ Words of Remembrance

Words of Institution ~ Words of Prayer

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 46

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*THE HYMN OF PARTING

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

No. 167

*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*