

**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 12 2025




**ON HEARING THIS, THEY WERE  
BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF  
THE LORD JESUS.**

**ACTS 19:5, NRSV**

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

## Contributing to Worship Today

Minister .....Rev. Jason Stump  
 Minster of Music .....Paul Putnam  
 Liturgist ..... Suzanne Langston

 *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

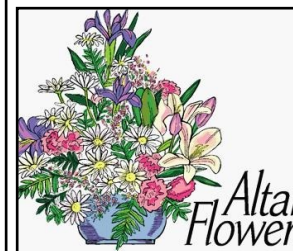
Sunday 11am - Worship Gathering in Sanctuary

### CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- Jan 12 Committees Kickoff - CLC (Following worship with lunch.)
- Jan 15 Women's Bible Study - CLC (9:45 - 12 noon)
- Jan 15 BOCE/Activities - Little Kitchen (6:30pm)
- Jan 16 Loaves and Fishes Drive Thru Food Distribution - CLC (11am)
- Jan 19 Deacon Training - CLC (Following worship with lunch.)
- 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.



### CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

Following worship with lunch

The conference will be to review the previous year's reports and financial situation.



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 ride the church bus, sign up online through the email that has been sent out, or contact the church office and you will be added to the list.

Attendance Last Sunday 97

\*Weekly Collection (Jan 1 - Jan 5, 2025) \$4,632.00

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

2024 Year End Total \$391,398.72

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 - Docksides 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)	
Ronald Burton (Sharon and Rodger Burton's son)	

## A GATHERING FOR WORSHIP BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A GATHERING ALLELUIA      *"Alleluia, Alleluia"*

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE      *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*      Powell

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

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Come, beloved of God, to remember who you are and whose you are.

**People: God in Christ, has named us all "Beloved."**

Liturgist: Yes, here and now, God's heaven of love is being poured out anew.

**People: May this motion of the Holy One, shape our hearts and minds.**

Liturgist: May it brighten the Epiphany light in us and the whole creation.

**People: And may it shape our words and work into good news for the world!**

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

INVOCATION

*\*Stand if you are able*

**PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)**

Loving God, let me enter again Your baptismal river of grace. Let it soak every stain attached to the fabric of my life and longings. Yes, Holy One, submerge me in You again and again and again. Cleanse every distracting impulse luring me away from You who are my heart's deepest desire. Let no urgency be more important than Your forgiving love, always transforming. Today, help me choose you above every temptation that lures me to worship lesser things. By this of You, forgive me, renew me, and grant me the grace promised by You in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**WORDS OF GRACE**

**LET THE CHILDREN COME**

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

**THE ANTHEM**

*"Amen! Tell It on the Mountain!"* arr. McDonald

**\*THE PRAYER HYMN**

*"As with Gladness"*

No. 173

**THE MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE**

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

**THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

ISAIAH: 60: 1-6 (OT PG. 690)

MATTHEW 2: 1-12 (NT PG. 2)

LUKE 3: 15-17, 21-22 (NT PG. 60)

LITURGIST

PASTOR

PASTOR

**SERMON**

"ARISE, SHINE, BE-LOVED!"

**CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL BY LIGHT AND LOVE**

Star Words & Baptismal Remembrance

**THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 46

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

**\*THE HYMN OF PARTING**

*"There's a Song in the Air!"*

No. 159

**\*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*