

NURSERY CARE FROM BIRTH 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, February 23, 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 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

Feb 23 Deacon Meeting - Godwin Sunday School Room (following worship)

Feb 23 Pastor-Parrish Relations Meeting - Little Kitchen (following worship)

Feb 23 Admirals Hockey Game - (3 pm)

Feb 26 Women's Bible Study - CLC (9:45am)

Feb 26 Council Meeting - Little Kitchen (6pm)

March 2 Mardi Gras Sunday - Worship Service (11am)

March 4 Loaves & Fishes Meeting - Sanctuary Hall (10am)

March 5 Ash Wednesday Drive Thru Ashes (5:30am - 9:30am and 5pm - 6pm)

March 5 Women's Bible Study - CLC (9:45am)

March 23 New Member Orientation - CLC (following worship)

Attendance Last Sunday 75

*Weekly Collection (2/10 -2/16) \$2,443.00 Year to Date: \$31,081.72

*Collection to the General 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.



MARDI GRAS
Sunday
MARCH 2ND

Featuring

OLDE JAMES
 RIVER JAZZ
 BAND

OAKLAND
 CHANCEL CHOIR



OAKLAND'S BECKY GODWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications will be available beginning April 1, 2025 and can be requested by calling the church office (757-255-4353) or by Email request to office@oaklanducc.com

Completed applications will be due back to the church office by May 1, 2025.

Scholarship Sunday will be celebrated on June 1, 2025.
 Recipient must be a member of Oakland Christian UCC.

Please note that these dates are earlier than in previous years.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

Pastor Stump will perform the imposition of ashes by marking your hand/forehead with ashes

Drive-thru at the CLC Portico Times
 (5:30am to 9:30am AND 5pm to 6pm)

 **IN OUR PRAYERS**

HOME

Dr. Leroy Howell	Mildred King	Laurel Johnson	Pat Branche
Colen Hodgson	Rev. Mary Anne Biggs	Charles Johnson	Randy Rowell
Jackie Pierce	Anne Hodgson	Barbara Nelms	John Mellon

IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

Peggy Shackelford - Norfolk General/Lake Prince Skilled Care
Marguerite Butler - Accordius Health
Chris Hathaway - Dockside Health - Locust Hill, VA

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Darrell Mayo (Denise & Frank Spady's friend)
Hilda Mitchell (John Mitchell's mother)
Marie Walshe (Mary Haddad's cousin)
John Byrum (Ginny Fly's father)
Michael Schine (Karen Schine's husband)
Ronald Burton (Sharon and Rodger Burton's son)
Karen Beck (Laurel Johnson's sister-in-law)
Charla Mathes (Samantha Fly's friend)
Barb Howell (Pam & Paul Saunders' friend)
Naomi Shockley (June Felton's great niece)
Stasia and Danny Perryman (Susie Eaton's uncle)
Terry Wilburn (Denise & Frank Spady's friend)
Sandy and Wally Fuchs (Laurel Johnson's sister and brother in-law)
Kathy Duval (Laurel Johnson's friend)
Loretta & David Overholt (Wilma Roth's sister and brother-in-law))
Tim Boyer (Babler family friend)
Eileen Murphy (Mary Haddad's cousin)
Alexa Frey (Danna & Rick Vroman's great niece)
Jane Waller (Kim Waller's mother)
Judy Shiers (Cheryl Rudd's friend)
Heather Brookover (Kirsten Creely's friend)

**A GATHERING FOR WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

A GATHERING ALLELUIA

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE

“Prelude in G minor” J.S. Bach

***HYMN OF GATHERING**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

NO. 66

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 37)**

Liturgist: Come, Beloved, and release your frenzied fear.

People: We come, trusting the enduring promises of the Holy One.

Liturgist: Let meekness rise as strength of soul.

People: May our promised inheritance of love shine brightly all around.

Liturgist: May it strengthen us in our waiting and our working.

People: May all that is evil wither, and all that is good grow to fullness.

Liturgist: May the grace of God rest on us all as we gather.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

NO. 35

YOU MAY BE SEATED . .

**Stand if you are able*

INVOCATION

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

God, we confess our easy attachment to revenge in its many forms. Instead of interrupting violence, it has been easy to practice it in word and deed. It has been easy to worship the lie of scarcity instead of trusting your promise of abundance. By this, the way of the world has worked into our hearts and minds. Forgive us and free us from ourselves. Equip us anew with an outpouring of Your love. By this of You, form us into channels of grace. Deepen our love, expand our generosity, and mold us and the world with Your abundant mercy. Let the heart and mind of Christ take up residence in us anew. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

THE ANTHEM

“Our Lord is in this Place” McDonald

LET THE CHILDREN COME

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

*THE PRAYER HYMN

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!” No. 545

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE

*Open my eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

GENESIS 45: 3-11, 15 (OT PG. 42)
PSALM 37: 1-11, 39-40 (OT PG. 510)
LUKE 6: 27-38 (NT PG. 64)

LITURGIST
LITURGIST
PASTOR

SERMON

“JOSEPH, JESUS, AND THE COUNT”

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 46

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*THE HYMN OF PARTING

“Jesu, Jesu”

No. 600

*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*