

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, March 16, 2025

Lent

*Create in me
a clean heart,
O God, and
renew a right
spirit within me.*

PSALM 51:10, ESV

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

Contributing to Worship Today

Guest Minister Rev. Gary Newsome
Minster of Music Paul Putnam
Liturgist John Mitchell

 *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

March 10 thru 20 Pastor Jason on Spiritual Retreat

March 18 Jewel's - CLC (6pm) Hostesses Leslie, Julie H., and Susan

March 18 Men's Fellowship - Mod Olive - 115 N. Main St. (6pm)

March 20 Loaves & Fishes Food Distribution - CLC Portico (11am)

March 21 Friday Night Fellowship: Coffee and Conversation - CLC (6:30pm)

March 23 Church Covered Dish: Deacons Hosting - CLC (following worship)

March 25 Deadline for Newsletter Articles

March 26 Council Meeting - Little Kitchen (6pm)

March 29 Suffolk Clean Up - See Rob Rhodes if you can take part.

March 30 Orientation Session for new members - CLC (following worship)

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

Minister of Music will communicate exceptions to practice.

Attendance Last Sunday 89

*Weekly Collection (3/3 -3/9) \$2,843 Year to Date: \$54,708.38

*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.



MARCH 23RD FOLLOWING WORSHIP

HOSTED BY THE DEACONS

FRIED CHICKEN AND DRINKS PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

Excited to announce Oakland Christian has registered to go as a church group for the **2025 Great Suffolk Cleanup! Saturday, March 29th!**



We will meet at the church at 9am.

Please see Rob Rhodes if you can take part.

Sign up sheet in the Sanctuary Hall.



OAKLAND'S BECKY GODWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

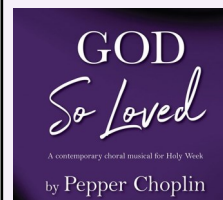
Applications will be available beginning April 1

Call the church office (757-255-4353) or by Email request

to office@oaklanducc.com Due back by May 1

Scholarship Sunday will be celebrated on June 1

Recipient must be a member of Oakland Christian UCC.



OAKLAND'S EASTER CANTATA PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH - 11am Service

God So Loved by Pepper Choplin

Rehearsals begin Sunday, March 9th @ 9:45AM - Want to sing with us?
Ask any choir member or Paul and we will get you all set up!



APRIL 20TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Activities will include a Petting Zoo, Easter Egg Hunt,
Lunch, and Arts and Crafts

WE NEED: Filler items for the Easter Eggs.

A volunteer to wear the Easter Bunny Suit. Helpers to stuff eggs.
And volunteers to help with clean up!

See Samantha Fly if you can help

 **IN OUR PRAYERS**

HOME

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

Michael McNerny—Obici
Peggy Shackelford - Lake Prince Skilled Care
Marguerite Butler - Accordius Health
Chris Hathaway - Dockside Health - Locust Hill, VA

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Valerie Chumney (Dana and John Mitchell's friend)
Darrell Mayo (Denise & Frank Spady's friend)
Hilda Mitchell (John Mitchell's mother)
Marie Walsh (Mary Haddad's cousin)
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)
Anne Ducate (Sadie Boyer's sister)

**A GATHERING FOR WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

GATHERING SONG

*As the deer pants for the water my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone will my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.*

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE "Brother James' Air" arr. Wood

***HYMN OF GATHERING** "My Hope Is Built" No. 537

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: Blessed are those who are authentic before God, who come to God with honesty and humility.

Liturgist: Our sins are not counted against us. Our hearts are free of deceit.

People: In community we encourage the practice of confession, to speak freely with Jesus—our Savior.

ALL: We are the people God has formed through Christ. we worship him, and we rejoice!

***THE GLORIA PATRI** No. 35

YOU MAY BE SEATED . .

**Stand if you are able*

INVOCATION

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

Heavenly Father we trust your presence in our lives. As we contemplate the Lenten season, that beyond the pain there can be healing. That beyond the brokenness there can be wholeness. That beyond the anger there may be peace. That beyond the hurting there may be forgiveness. That beyond the silence there may be the word of grace. That beyond the word there may be understanding. That through understanding there is love that conquers and overcomes all things.

WORDS OF GRACE

THE ANTHEM

“The Lily of the Valley”

Larson

LET THE CHILDREN COME

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

*THE PRAYER HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 595

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

LUKE 18: 9 (NT PG. 81)

ROMANS 12: 2 (NT PG. 162)

LITURGIST

PASTOR

SERMON

“The Humble Servant”

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 46

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*THE HYMN OF PARTING

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

No. 622

*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 Rose Bowers

to the honor and glory of our gracious God

and in loving memory of Wayne Livesay.

**Stand if you are able*