

**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 30, 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

Minister ..... Rev. Jason Stump  
 Minister of Music ..... Paul Putnam  
 Liturgist ..... Dana 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 31 Healthy Suffolk Advisory Meeting - CLC (1pm)
- April 1 Becky Godwin Scholarship Applications available - Contact office
- April 13 Easter Cantata and New Members - Sanctuary (11am)
- April 15 Jewels - Hostesses - Beth, Katie, and Mary Anne - CLC (6pm)
- April 15 Men's Fellowship - Il Paesano Restaurant - 2815 Godwin Blvd. (6pm)
- April 17 Loaves & Fishes Meeting & Food Distribution - CLC (10am)
- April 17 Tenebrae Community Worship - Maundy Thursday - CLC (6pm)
- No Friday Night Fellowship in April - will resume in May
- April 18 Good Friday Community Worship at Wesley Chapel (7pm)
- April 20 Sunrise Community Worship at St. John's - (6:45am)

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

*Minister of Music will communicate exceptions to practice.*

Attendance Last Sunday 114

\*Weekly Collection (3/17 - 3/23) \$3,063.71 Year to Date: \$61,497.09

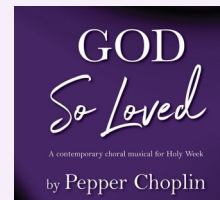
\*Collection to the General Fund - Includes online & mailed in offerings.

Giving: Call the office and Connie can get you set up online, or provide you with offering envelopes. 757-255-4353.



### OAKLAND'S BECKY GODWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications will be available beginning April 1st  
 Call the church office (757-255-4353) or by Email request  
 to [office@oaklanducc.com](mailto:office@oaklanducc.com) Due back by May 1st  
 Scholarship Sunday will be celebrated on June 1st  
 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



Be sure to invite friends and family on Sunday, April 13th!!



Johns River Valley Camp is having their next workday on April 12th. If any individuals, or a group of folks, would be interested in heading there; lodging and lunch will be provided at no cost.

For more information, please contact Pastor Stump or JRVC Executive Director Kevin Russell at [kevin@jrvc.org](mailto:kevin@jrvc.org). Pastor Stump won't be able to attend this workday, but can give you any information needed.



### 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.

Helpers to stuff eggs.

Volunteers to help with clean up!

**See Samantha Fly if you can help**

 **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**HOME**

Mildred King      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 - Concordia Transitional Care - Nansemond Pointe Rm:331  
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  
FOURTH 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**

*"Chanson"*

*Young*

**\*HYMN OF GATHERING**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

No. 86

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Have you come far to be here today?

**People: You enlarge our gathering: welcome!**

Liturgist: Have you come from around the corner?

**People: You anchor our gathering: welcome!**

Liturgist: Do you seek sanctuary? Do you seek inspiration?

**People: May this worship meet you.**

Liturgist: Do you come with purpose? Do you come with questions?

**People: We welcome you as you are!**

**All: Let us worship God together!**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

No. 35

YOU MAY BE SEATED . .

## INVOCATION

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

Dear God, your gifts are generous and yet we often fail to appreciate what we have been given. We demand more, but squander what we have received. Forgive us for taking for granted what we receive from you. When we fail to accept what you offer, or fail to steward those gifts, bring us back to awareness of you. Amen.

## WORDS OF GRACE

THE ANTHEM *"Shepherd Me, O God"* arr. Hayes

### LET THE CHILDREN COME

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

\*THE PRAYER HYMN *"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"* No. 80

### 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

JOSHUA 5: 9-12 (OT PG. 197)  
2 CORINTHIANS 5: 16-21 (NT PG. 181)  
LUKE 15: 1-3, 11B-32 (NT PG. 78)

LITURGIST  
LITURGIST  
PASTOR

## SERMON

"COLLATORAL GRACE?"

### THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY No. 46

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

\*THE HYMN OF PARTING *"Precious Name"* No. 625

### \*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  
with thanks to our gracious God  
for all the glorious flowers that  
come to us in Spring!*

*\*Stand if you are able*