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.

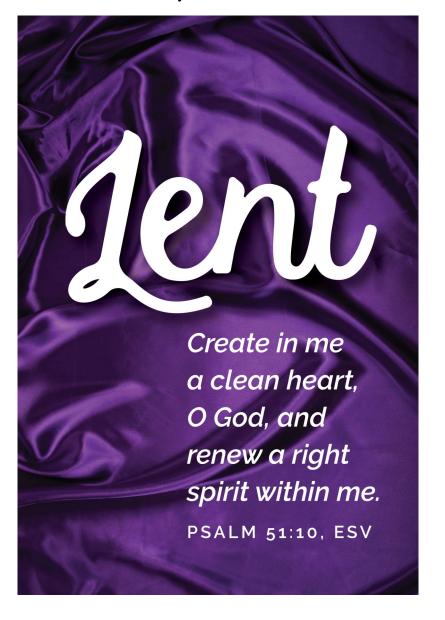
FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

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."

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Oakland Christian United Church of Christ Est. 1872 Sunday, March 9, 2025



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

Contributing to Worship Today

Minister	on Stump
Minster of Music	ıl 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

- March 10 thru 20 Pastor Jason on Retreat
- March 12 Women's Bible Study CLC (9:45am)
- 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 127

*Weekly Collection (2/24 –3/2) \$5,944 Year to Date: \$51,865.38 *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.



FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

MARCH 21ST @ 6:30 PM

"Gather Around the Table" for good fellowship.

Enjoy the evening with conversation, refreshment, and fun.



MARCH 23RD FOLLOWING WORSHIP

HOSTED BY THE DEACONS

FRIED CHICKEN AND DRINKS PROVIDED PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

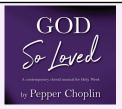
Excited to announce Oakland Christian has registered to go as a church group for the 2025 Great Suffolk Cleanup! Saturday, March 29th!



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 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



HOME

Mildred King La Rev. Mary Anne Biggs Ch Anne Hodgson Ba

Laurel Johnson Charles Johnson Barbara Nelms Pat Branche Colen Hodgson Randy Rowell Jackie Pierce John Mellon

IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

Peggy Shackelford - Lake Prince Skilled Care

Marguerite Butler - Accordius Health

Chris Hathaway - Dockside Health - Locust Hill, VA

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

George Fly (Ginny Fly's husband, Robert's father)

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)

A GATHERING FOR WORSHIP FIRST 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

"Bist Du Bei Mir"

J.S. Bach

*HYMN OF GATHERING

"You Servants of God"

No. 110

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 91)

Liturgist: Are you restless and unsettled? This place is for you.

People: Let us worship God!

Liturgist: Are you hungry for love and hope? This place is for you.

People: Let us worship God!

Liturgist: Are you searching for direction? This place is for you.

People: Let us worship God!

Liturgist: Do you have love to share? This place is for you.

People: Let us worship God together!

*THE GLORIA PATRI

No. 35

YOU MAY BE SEATED . .

*Stand if you are able

INVOCATION

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

Gracious God, you hold us, but in times of stress, we fear that we are all alone. We hunger for easy comfort, even knowing that our appetite will return. We aim for power over uncertainty, forgetting that control is an illusion. Forgive us for choosing distraction to escape from chaos. Bring our focus back to you, to your word, your presence, and your child Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

THE ANTHEM

"How Beautiful" arr. Courtney

LET THE CHILDREN COME

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

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

DEUTERONOMY 26: 1-11 (OT PG. 180) LUKE 4: 1-13 (NT PG. 61) LITURGIST PASTOR

SERMON

"IT'S A TEST"

*THE COMMUNION HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 425

THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

Invitation to Generosity

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

No. 46

*THE HYMN OF PARTING "Are Ye Able," Said the Master" No. 621

*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