

**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, April 20, 2025



*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 ..... Chris Hase

 *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

April 20 Easter Activities - Outside and Inside CLC (following worship) 

April 21 Stewardship Meeting - Godwin Meeting Room (6pm)

April 25 Deadline for Newsletter Articles

April 27 **Holy Honor Sunday** and special **guest musician**, Linda Boles

April 27 Stewardship Sponsored Church Pizza Party! *(following worship)* 

April 30 Council Meeting - Little Kitchen (6pm)

*No Friday Night Fellowship in April. We will resume in May*

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

Attendance (Last Sunday): 121

Weekly General Fund Giving (April 7–13) \$2,995.00

Year-to-Date General Fund Giving (Jan 1–Apr 13) \$96,492.78

*Includes in-person, online, and mailed offerings.*

### Want to set-up your giving?

Call the church office at **757-255-4353** — Connie will be happy to help you get set up for **online giving** OR provide **offering envelopes**



### OAKLAND'S BECKY GODWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are available [office@oaklanducc.com](mailto:office@oaklanducc.com)

Due back by May 1st.

Scholarship Sunday will be celebrated on June 1st.



### Worship, Then Pizza! Sunday April 27

Stewardship sponsored **pizza party** right after worship!

We're serving up more than just spiritual nourishment!

Delicious Pizza, great company, and even better conversations.



Christian singer-songwriter **Linda Boles** will be our special guest musician **Sunday, April 27!** Her heartfelt music and inspiring message promise to be a true blessing.

Get a sneak peek of her music at [www.lindabolesmusic.com](http://www.lindabolesmusic.com)



### Truth, Love, Justice, Beauty Restoring People, Places, and Things Through Caring for Nature

> **Tuesday, April 29th**

> **6:30 p.m.**

> **Oakland Christian Church**

Join us for an inspiring evening of **storytelling, reflection, and dialogue** as we explore how caring for creation is a deeply spiritual and life-giving act.

#### > **Speakers:**

- **Beth Cross**, Nansemond River Preservation Alliance
- **Megan Anderson**, Believers Church
- **Pastor Stump**, Oakland Church

Together, we'll consider how Christian values can guide us in seeking truth, loving creation, pursuing justice, and celebrating beauty in our communities and beyond.

**All are welcome**—people of any faith or no faith at all.

**Spread the word!** Invite friends, family, and fellow church members.

**Let's grow a movement** of hope and care for God's world.

 **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**

Courtney Roggmann (Theresa and Robert Beale's daughter)  
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)  
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)

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**GATHERING SONG**

*"Alleluia, Alleluia"*

**THE WORDS OF GREETING**

**THE PRELUDE**

*"Alleluia, The Strife is Over"*      *arr. Young*

**\*HYMN OF GATHERING**

*"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

**No. 216**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: At early dawn, when the light was just emerging and the shadows still long and deep the earth began to sing a tender and persistent hallelujah.

**People: And the resurrection smelled like death and dirt. Christ, the Power of Love, is risen indeed. Hallelujah.**

Liturgist: At early dawn, with the salt of tears still crusting their eyes the women began to sing a grieving and faithful hallelujah.

**People: And the empty tomb sounded like weeping and questions. Christ, the Wounded One, is risen indeed. Hallelujah.**

Liturgist: At early dawn, when no one could remember the sound of hope or the promise of a new day rising the world began to sing a fierce and determined hallelujah.

**People: And the rising up tasted like bread and rejoicing. Christ, the Way of Truth and Life, is risen indeed. Hallelujah.**

Liturgist: At early dawn, as each day brings forth new agonies and injustices we gather to sing a grateful and liberating hallelujah.

**People:**

**Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Risen Christ**

*\*Stand if you are able*

**THE GLORIA PATRI**

*YOU MAY BE SEATED . . .*

**No. 35**

**INVOCATION**

**COMMUNAL EASTER PRAYER (UNISON)**

**On this Easter morning, we come with alleluias on our lips  
and resurrection hope in our hearts.**

**We confess that too often, we have lived as if the tomb was still sealed—  
fearing change, clinging to the past, doubting your power.**

**But today, we choose to rise with you.**

**We open our lives to your light.**

**We claim your promise of new life not just for someday, but for now.**

**Roll away the stones that block our joy.**

**Call us by name, as you did with Mary.**

**Send us out, as you did with the disciples,**

**to live as Easter people—bold, joyful, and free.**

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!--**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

**THE ANTHEM**

*"Rejoice He is Alive!"*

*Schafferman/Drennan*

**LET THE CHILDREN COME**

*After the message, Children may head to Children's Church.*

**THE PRAYER HYMN**

*"Because He Lives"*

**No. 562**

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

**THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Because he Lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because he lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because he lives.*

**THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

ACTS 10: 34-43 (NT PG. 129)

LUKE 24: 1-12 (NT PG. 90)

**LITURGIST  
PASTOR**

**SERMON**

*"THE EMPTY ISN'T EASY"*

**THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *"Worthy Is the Lamb!"* Larson

THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 46

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

**\*THE HYMN OF PARTING**

*"He Lives!"*

**No. 226**

**\*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*