#### 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.

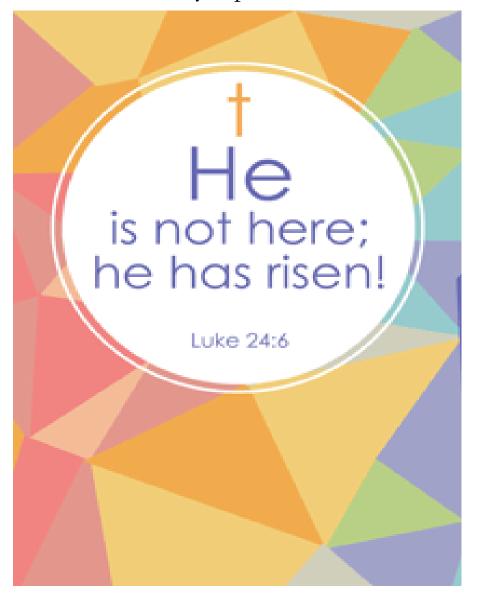
To grow with the Lord in wisdom and strength.

#### 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, 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
Minster 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



- Easter Activities Outside and Inside CLC (following worship) April 20
- Stewardship Meeting Godwin Meeting Room (6pm) April 21
- April 25 Deadline for Newsletter Articles
- April 27 Holy Hunor Sunday and special guest musician, Linda Boles
- Stewardship Sponsored Church Pizza Party! (following worship) April 27



Council Meeting - Little Kitchen (6pm) April 30

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

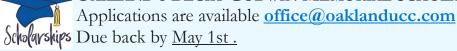
Year-to-Date General Fund Giving (Jan 1-Apr 13) \$96,492.78

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



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



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 Randy Rowell

Colen Hodgson Jackie Pierce

Rev. Mary Anne Biggs Anne Hodgson

Charles Johnson

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

arr. Young "Alleluia, The Strife is Over"

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

No. 216

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF GATHERING

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.

Christ is risen. People:

Christ is risen indeed.

Hallelujah. Risen Christ

\*Stand if you are able

THE GLORIA PATRI

No. 35

You May Be Seated...

**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