

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

Pastor	pastorstump@gmail.com	Rev. Jason Stump
Minister of Music	peputnam@yahoo.com	Paul E. Putnam
Church Secretary	office@oaklanducc.com	Connie Edwards
Financial Secretary	finsec@oaklanducc.com	Deandra Parks
Treasurer	treasurer@oaklanducc.com	Dani Howell
Communications Assistant	communications@oaklanducc.com	Tracy Cooper
Nursery Attendant		Rhonda Culpepper
Sexton		Roosevelt Jones

Office Hours 10 AM to 3 PM Monday through Thursday

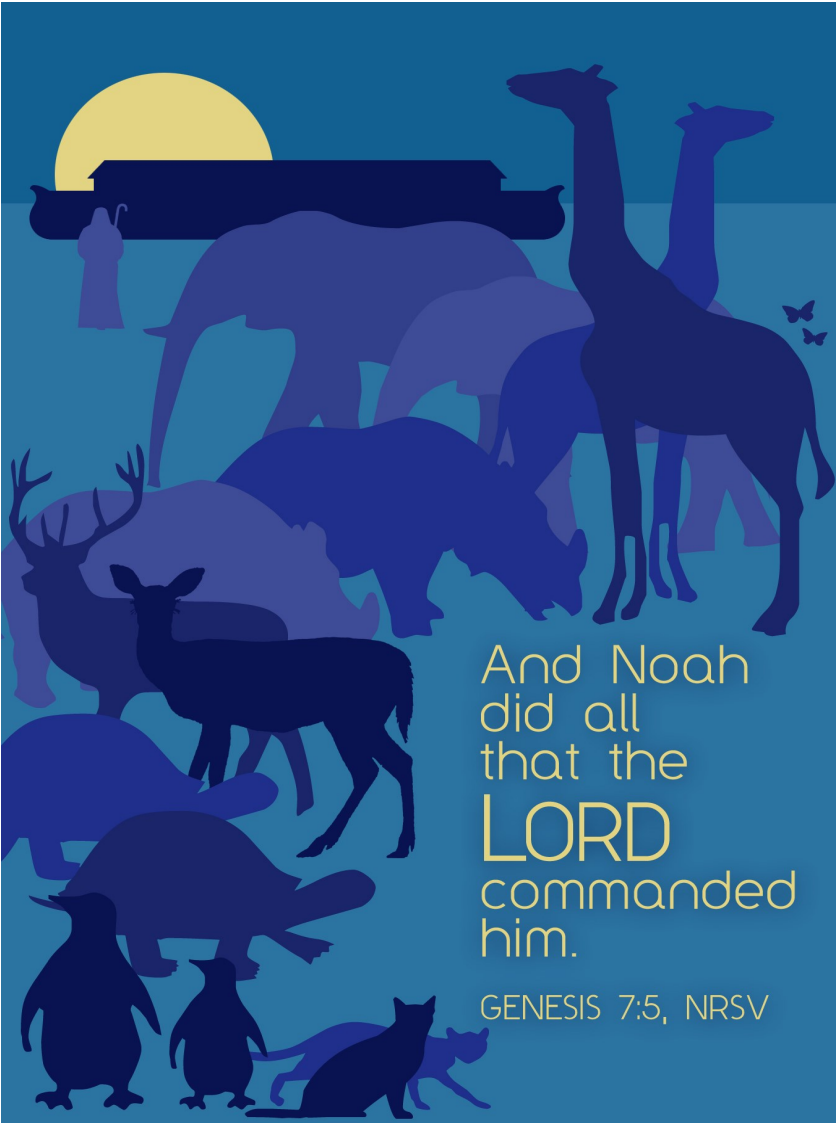
office@oaklanducc.com

(757) 255-4353

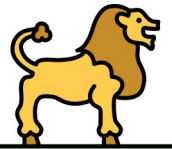


Oakland Christian United Church of Christ *Est. 1872*

Sunday, April 27, 2025



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



Lion

Contributing to Worship Today

Minister Rev. Jason Stump
Minster of Music Paul Putnam
Liturgist Richard Vroman

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

April 30 Council Meeting - Little Kitchen (6pm)

May 1 Deadline for turning in scholarship application

May 15 Loaves & Fishes Meeting and Food Distribution - CLC (10am)

May 15 Self Defense Course for Women—CLC (4pm)

May 20 Jewels - hostesses Dana M, Sandra J, Mary Jane - CLC (6pm)

May 20 Men's Fellowship - George's Steakhouse 1260 Holland Rd - 6pm

May 25 Deadline for Newsletter articles

May 28 Council Meeting - Little Kitchen (6pm)

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

Minister of Music will communicate exceptions to practice.

Attendance (Last Sunday): 160

Weekly General Fund Giving (April 14-20) \$5,344.00

Year-to-Date General Fund Giving (Jan 1–April 20) \$101,836.78

Includes in-person, online, and mailed offerings.

Want to set-up your giving? Call the office **757-255-4353** and 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

Due back “this Thursday, May 1st”

Students will be celebrated and Scholarships presented on Sunday, June 1st.



Learn to Protect Yourself – May 15 - 4pm

Suffolk Sheriff's Dept. will lead a vital Self-Defense Class at Oakland in the Community Life Center.

This hands on training could help save your life!

Open to those able to stand alone. Limited to 25 participants. **Sign up by May 1** in the Sanctuary Hall or call the church office 757-255-4353

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee.



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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOME

Mildred King	Colen Hodgson	Rev. Mary Anne Biggs	Charles Johnson
Randy Rowell	Jackie Pierce	Anne Hodgson	Barbara Nelms
John Mellon	Jean Jordan		

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

Eddie Mitchell (Sandra Johnston's brother)
Lori Stoudy (Sandra Johnston's neighbor)
Christine Burgess (Jesse Burgess' mother)
Courtney Roggmann (Theresa and Robert Beale's daughter)
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)

GATHERING MUSIC

Linda Boles, special music

GATHERING SONG

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE

Linda Boles, special music

*HYMN OF GATHERING

"Thine is the Glory"

No. 218

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Come, all you joyful creatures of God—
two by two, or maybe even a little out of line!

People: We come with laughter in our lungs and gladness in our hearts!

Liturgist: God called Noah to build an ark, not just to save life, but to keep the
holy hilarity of creation afloat.

**People: We gather to remember that joy is sacred, and laughter is a gift
from the One who created the giraffe and the goose!**

Liturgist: So bring your giggles, your chuckles, even your belly laughs—
this is the day the Lord has made!

**People: We will rejoice and be silly in it!
Let us worship God with joy and holy humor!**

THE GLORIA PATRI

YOU MAY BE SEATED . . .

No. 35

INVOCATION

**Stand if you are able*

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

God of Joy and Grace,
we confess that sometimes we take ourselves too seriously.
We forget to laugh, we hold on to hurts,
and we let the weight of the world steal our sense of wonder.
You made us to laugh and dance,
to love and forgive,
to be surprised by joy.
But we confess—we’ve missed the mark.
We’ve chosen grumpiness over gratitude,
grudges over grace,
and fear over fun.
Forgive us, O God.
Help us to lighten up,
to loosen our grip on what doesn’t matter,
and to embrace the holy hilarity of being yours.
Renew our hearts,
refresh our spirits,
and restore to us the joy of your salvation.
Amen.--

WORDS OF GRACE

THE ANTHEM *Linda Boles, special music*

LET THE CHILDREN COME
There’s no Children’s Church today. Stay in worship and have fun! The nursery is available.”

THE PRAYER HYMN *"Joy to the World"* No. 143

THE MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

**Stand if you are able*

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

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8 (OT PG. 616)
GENESIS 6:13–22; 7:1–5; 8:6–12 (OT PG. 5)

LITURGIST
PASTOR

SERMON "A JOYFUL NOISE AT OAKLAND"

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY
OFFERTORY MUSIC *Linda Boles, special music*
THE OFFERTORY
*THE DOXOLOGY
*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

No. 46

*PARTING HYMN *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* (INSERT)
sung to the tune "Deck the Hall"

*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.*