

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, May 11, 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 Peggy Walker

😊 *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

- May 13 Staff Meeting—Godwin Meeting Room (10Am)
- 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): 73

Weekly General Fund Giving (April 28 - May 4) \$2608.00

Year-to-Date General Fund Giving (Jan 1–May 4) \$109,800.45

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**



Ages 3 to 5

The Isle of Wight Christian Outreach Program Food For Thought literacy initiative is in need of new and gently read books for distribution to Isle of Wight children, **ages 3-5!**

If you are able to donate books, please bring them to the church and place them in the donation basket in the Sanctuary Hall.

THANK YOU for partnering with us to empower Isle of Wight children through the gift of literacy!

✝ Prayer List Update

Thank you for faithfully praying for those on our church prayer list. Your care and compassion mean so much.

If you have previously added someone to the list and feel they may no longer need to remain, please contact the church office so we can keep the list up to date.

If someone on the list **would be encouraged by a note from the church**, we'd be happy to send one. Just let us know their name and mailing address.

Thank you for being part of this ministry of prayer and encouragement.

— Church Office



There is a collection box in the Sanctuary Hall **to recycle household alkaline batteries.**

AAA, AA, C, D, and 9V only.

You can also look at the bulletin board for additional collection sites.



HOME

Sadie Boyer Mildred King Colen Hodgson Rev. Mary Anne Biggs
Charles Johnson Randy Rowell Jackie Pierce Anne Hodgson
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

Megan Perez (Pastor Stump's friend)
Eddie Mitchell (Sandra Johnston's brother)
Lori Staudy (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)
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)
Judy Shiers (Cheryl Rudd's friend)
Heather Brookover (Kirsten Creely's friend)
Anne Ducate (Sadie Boyer's sister)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING SONG

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arr. Wood

*HYMN OF GATHERING

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

NO. 91

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 23 & John 10)*

Liturgist: The Lord is our Shepherd
— we shall not want.

**People: In green pastures and quiet waters,
God restores our souls.**

Liturgist: Christ calls us by name—
his voice breaks through the noise of the world.

People: We listen, we follow, we trust.

Liturgist: Even in the valleys of shadow and uncertainty,
we will not fear.

**People: For the Shepherd walks with us,
and we are held in grace.**

**All: Come, let us worship the One who knows us,
calls us, and leads us into life.
Shepherd, lead us!**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

YOU MAY BE SEATED . . .

No. 35

INVOCATION

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

Holy One, We ask ourselves: Who do we say that we are? How do we show up against the leaders and empires that allow discrimination, war, genocide, violence, and poverty run rampant amongst people. When we experience tension, give us the courage to feel into that tension and to invite a feeling of love and kindness and grace the way that Your Son showed us time and time again. Be with us in this and all the hard moments still to come. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

THE ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"

Oakland Men's Choir

LET THE CHILDREN COME

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

***THE PRAYER HYMN**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

No. 558

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 9:36-43 (NT PG. 128)

PSALM 23 (OT PG. 501)

JOHN 1: 22-30 (NT PG. 115)

LITURGIST

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PASTOR

SERMON

"SHEPHERD, LEAD US"

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 46

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

***PARTING HYMN**

"Here I Am, Lord"

No. 452

***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.*

*Today's altar flowers are given by Molly and David Nelms
To the honor and glory of our gracious God
And in loving memory of Barbara Nelms
And to the honor and memory of all mothers*

**Stand if you are able*