

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

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"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 25, 2025



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

Contributing to Worship Today

Minister Rev. Jason Sump
Minster of Music Paul Putnam
Liturgist Paul Saunders

😊 *Let us know you are here by **signing the red pad** on the back of the pew in front of*

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 25 Deadline for Newsletter articles
- May 28 Council Meeting - Little Kitchen (6pm)
- June 1 BGMS awards and graduates honored at Sunday Worship Service
- June 17 Jewels - Hostesses Danna V, Julie J, Sharon W - CLC (6pm)
- June 17 Men’s Fellowship - Restaurant to be announced

*Choir & Bell rehearsals Thursday 6:30pm & 7:30pm respectively.
Minister of Music will communicate exceptions to practice.*

Attendance (Last Sunday): 86
Weekly General Fund Giving (May 12– May 18) \$8,530.71
Year-to-Date General Fund Giving (Jan 1–May 18) \$121,310.16
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**



Yes! I would like a Name Tag!

Today is the last day to sign up for nametags!

The signup sheet is in The Sanctuary Hall

✝ 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 Connie know their name and mailing address.

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

— Church Office



HOME

Ann Johnson	Michael McNerny	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

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 Staudy (Sandra Johnston's neighbor)
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)

A GATHERING FOR WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING SONG *"Alleluia, Alleluia"*

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE *"Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Hayes*

***HYMN OF GATHERING** *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* NO. 85

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: God, strengthen our faith

People: by firing up our imaginations.

Liturgist: Because we know the Holy Creator works through us.

People: So we can begin to stitch back together our community!

Liturgist: Powerful images are not empty or without meaning

People: but true symbols that guide us to probe this war-filled world.

Liturgist: Isn't this why God gave us an imagination anyway?

People: So we can look with the eyes of faith beyond surface impressions

Liturgist: to see what is really going on in our world

People: in order to recreate new worlds of flourishing for all!

***THE GLORIA PATRI** NO. 35
YOU MAY BE SEATED . . .

INVOCATION

**Stand if you are able*

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)
God of the Others, we say to you that we cannot remember the last time we listened, truly listened to the Others and sought understanding, let alone see the childlike glory in another’s spirit. We come forward to say that starting today, we change by becoming more present in our interactions with all of your creation and we hold no judgement and cast no shame on someone trying to exist in this cold complicated and beautiful world.

WORDS OF GRACE

THE ANTHEM *"Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace"* *Johnson*

LET THE CHILDREN COME
(Children may head to Children’s Church after the message.)

***THE PRAYER HYMN** *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* No. 612
YOU MAY BE SEATED . . .

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 16: 9-15 (NT PG. 136) LITURGIST
JOHN 14: 23-29 (NT PG. 109) PASTOR

**Stand if you are able*

SERMON "RE-MEMBERING"

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING
INVITATION TO GENEROSITY
THE OFFERTORY
*THE DOXOLOGY No. 46
*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

***PARTING HYMN** *"God Of Grace and God of Glory"* No. 464

***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
to the honor and glory of our gracious God
and in memory of Alma and Cola Butler’s anniversary.
Given by their children Faye Daniels, Larry Butler, and Sandra Butler.*