

## Where will the Next Steps take Oakland's Presbyterian?



Oaklands Presbyterian Church (OPC) is growing in diversity, which is reflective of the surrounding community in Laurel. However, they realized that their worship service did not fully embody the gathered community. Over the past three years, the congregation has done the hard work of gaining flexibility in its worship style, and letting go of “the way things have always been.” They contracted with a consultant for worship and music transformation, and what emerged was a vision for how to live into a new paradigm of worship that engages the uncommon diversity of this congregation, and gives glory to God.



In partnering with the Presbytery's “Next Steps” grant, the Oaklands congregation has could secure a new Music Ministry leader who will work with the leadership of OPC to fulfill the call for new forms of worship. Over the next three years, OPC will receive a total of \$60,000 from Next Steps to help them create this new ministry.

The Next Steps grant provides those churches that have vital ministries the resources to take their church to the next level. This grant, as well as other opportunities for transformation, are supported by Unified Mission Giving.

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