

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



December 14, 2025

I. A Call to Worship

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.

Psalm 98:4 (NIV)

II. Advent

**Week 3: Joy**

For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

III. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Three times a year all your men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles. No one should appear before the LORD empty-handed: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.

Deuteronomy 16:16,17 (NIV)



IV.

**Four Responses of Worship**

Mary a Woman of the Word

Luke 1:26-55

Pastor Gary Barber

❖ Dr. Luke the precise historian

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

Luke 1:26-28 (NASB)

Mary was highly favored and all who are “in Christ” are also highly favored -- see Ephesians 1:6

But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.  
Luke 1:29-35 (NASB)

- ❖ The Tri-unity of God

- ❖ The Holy Trinity is revealed in the:

Annunciation of Christ – Luke 1:32-35

Baptism of Christ – Matthew 3:16,17; Luke 3:21,22

Commission of Christ – Matthew 28:18-20

And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.  
Luke 1:36-38 (NASB)

- Mary visits Elizabeth – Luke 1:39-45

- ❖ The Magnificat – Mary’s Scriptural Song of Praise to the Lord

- ❖ Mary is an amazing example for all believers, but there is only One Savior & Mediator – The Lord Jesus Christ

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.

I Timothy 2:5 (NIV)

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”  
Acts 4:12 (NIV)

And Mary said: “My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. “For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondservant; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name. “AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.”  
Luke 1:46-50 (NASB)

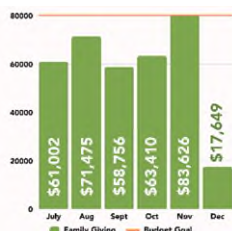
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Colossians 3:16 (KJV)

❖ Mary & Joseph followed God's Word – Luke 2:22-52

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:22 (NIV)

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