

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



December 31, 2023

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

Everything that has breath shall praise the LORD. Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6 (NASB)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Alliance Core Value #1

Lost people matter to God. He wants them found.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10 (NIV)

40 DAYS
OF *prayer*

III. **Wake Up Now -
Stop Pressing The Snooze Button!**
Romans 13, Philippians 3, Hebrews 11
Pastor Gary Barber

❖ Proverbs 6:6-11; 20:13, 26:13-16

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.... Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Romans 13:8, 10, 11 (NIV)

- A Pictorial Overview of Romans



- Causes of sleepiness...

The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Romans 13:12, 13 (NIV)

- ❖ Ephesians 5:8-17 – Live as children of the Light – Wake up and live wisely!

Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. Romans 13:13, 14 (NIV)

- ❖ How do we wake up and put on the Armor of Light in this New Year?

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV/NASB)

It's what we trust in but don't yet see that keeps us going. Do you suppose a few ruts in the road or rocks in the path are going to stop us? II Corinthians 5:7 (MSG)

- Now faith

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.... But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:1, 6 (NKJV)

The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the soul of the diligent is made fat.

Proverbs 13:4 (NASB)

- You have a choice.
- Prayer and Holy Communion.

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. II Corinthians 9:10, 11 (NLT)

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4. At the mobile giving station in the back of the Sanctuary

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