

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



January 25, 2026

I. A Call to Worship

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:36 (ESV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Christ our Coming King: We believe that the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is the glorious and certain hope of the Church. At a time known only to Father God, Jesus will return as the conquering King in a personal and visible way. He will take all who have received His forgiveness into His Kingdom.

John 14:2-3: "There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."

III. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year. Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the LORD your God at the place He will choose as a dwelling for His Name, so that you may learn to revere the LORD your God always.

Deuteronomy 14:22,23 (NIV)



IV.

Christ Our Coming King

Acts 1; Revelation 19; Matthew 24; I Thessalonians 4; Luke 21
Pastor Gary Barber

❖ Do you like fireworks shows?

➤ The Ultimate Grand Finale

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

John 14:1-3 (NKJV)

❖ The Ascension of Christ – A Model for His return.

After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven."

Acts 1:9-11 (NIV)

BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

Revelation 1:7 (NASB)

❖ The Grand Finale Described

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.... From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Revelation 19:11,12,15,16 (NASB)

❖ When will Christ's return take place? How can you be prepared for Jesus' return?

➤ Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21

And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.... But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

Matthew 24:30,31,36 (NASB)

For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

I Thessalonians 4:16,17 (KJV)

But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.

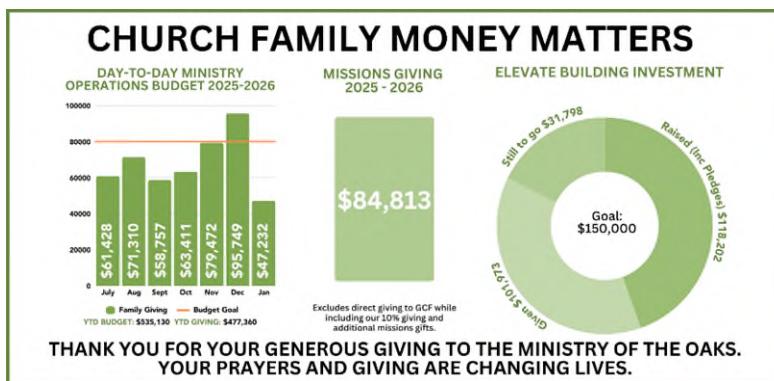
Luke 21:36 (NIV)

❖ Invitation

➤ Prayer and Reflection

Community Group Questions:

1. Read John 14:1–3. What promise does Jesus make here, and how does it bring you hope today?
2. Read Acts 1:6–8. According to Jesus, what should His followers focus on while waiting for His return?
3. Read Acts 1:9–11. What does this passage teach us about how Jesus will return, and why does that matter?
4. Read Revelation 19:11–21. What stands out to you about Jesus in this description, and how does it shape your view of Him?
5. Read Matthew 24:42–44. Why does Jesus call His return a surprise, and what does “being ready” look like in everyday life?
6. Read I Thessalonians 4:13–18. How does this passage on the rapture (catching away) of the church encourage you?
7. Read Luke 21:34–36. What can weigh down our hearts spiritually, and how can prayer help us stay ready?
8. Pray for your “FRANCES” (Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors, Coworkers, Enemies, Strangers) to be drawn to Jesus as their Savior in 2026.



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