

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



September 7, 2025
Happy Grandparent's Day

I. A Call to Worship

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

At The Oaks we believe in the distinct personhood and unique ministry of the 3rd person of The Holy Trinity - The Holy Spirit. We confess together He is:

The Spirit of Gifts

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. I Corinthians 12:7 (NIV)

III. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. II Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)



IV. Jehovah: The God who Speaks
Pastor Nick Preston

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"Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you do not know"
Jeremiah 33:3

Part One: Common Ways God Speaks Today

a. Jehovah speaks through the Christian Bible.
For the words of God is alive and powerful. Hebrews 4:12

b. Jehovah speaks through Creation.

The heavens declare the glory of the Lord...day after day they continue to speak. Psalm 19:1

c. Jehovah speaks through our Conscience.

The Lord's light penetrates the human spirit, exposing every hidden motive. Proverbs 20:27

d. Jehovah speaks through the Counsel of Others.

There is safety in having many advisors. Proverbs 11:14

e. Jehovah speaks through Circumstances: Closed and Open Doors.

We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps. Proverbs 16:9

f. Jehovah speaks through Countless other ways.

g. Jehovah speaks Clearly and Directly through Words of Prophecy.

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. I

Corinthians 14:1

Part Two: How God Speaks through Words of Prophecy

Vine's Definition of Prophecy: The speaking forth of the mind and counsel of God.

Those who speak prophetically are God's mouthpiece. I Corinthians 14:5 (VOICE)

Whoever does not love, does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:8

Part Three: Why God Wants to Speak through Words of Prophecy

1. To cheer up (to encourage the church).

But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort... I

Corinthians 14:3

2. To stir up (to strengthen the church).

3. To lift up (to comfort the church).

4. To show up (to reveal his presence "among us").

"...and they will fall to their knees and worship God, declaring: "God is truly here among you."

I Corinthians 14:25

Part Four: How do I know that it's God Speaking?

1. Prophecy is always submissive to Scripture, not equal to it.

If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to the person the plagues described in this book. Revelation 22:18

2. Prophecy is always tested.

"Do not scoff at prophecies, but test everything that is said. Hold onto what is good."

I Thessalonians 5: 20-21

3. Prophecy should always be conducted orderly

When we worship the right way, God doesn't stir us up into confusion; he brings us into harmony. This goes for all the churches—no exceptions. I Corinthians 14:33

Part Five: Being Encouraged by Jehovah: The God who speaks

1. Ask to be prayed for.
2. Actively and eagerly seek the gift of prophecy.
3. Accept Christ as your Lord and Savior.

“Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you...” Acts 2:38

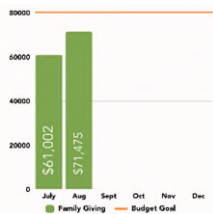
Communion

God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

I John 4:9-10 (NLT)

Community Group Questions

1. Out of the common ways listed, describe how God has spoken to you in the past? Which method do you find easiest to hear?
2. What is your background/experience with words of prophecy? How would you describe your "feeling" or "mindset" towards the gift of prophecy?
3. What does 1 Corinthians 14: 1-5 say about the purpose of modern day prophecy? How have you seen this play out OR would you like to see this play out?
4. How do we ensure that prophetic words are actually from God? What are some of the guardrails he's put in place?
5. How could you foresee a greater ministry of prophecy (and other gifts in general) functioning in life at The Oaks?
6. What do you sense is your next step to "eagerly embrace" the gift of prophecy?
7. Who are your FRANCES? Tell the group about some of them. Spend time praying for them.
8. Review the BLESSING process. What's the next step for you?



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