

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



December 24, 2023
Merry Christmas!

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

Serve the LORD with gladness and delight; come before His presence with joyful singing.

Psalm 100:2 (AMP)

II. Advent

Week #4 - Love

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.” John 3:16-17

GOD’S DESIGN FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

III. God’s Design for The Church:
The International Bride of Christ
Pastor Gary Barber

- The Creation and Fall of mankind.
 - Genesis 1-3
 - The Fall and Promise of a Deliverer

“And I will put enmity (open hostility) between you and the woman, and between your seed (offspring) and her Seed; He shall [fatally] bruise your head, and you shall [only] bruise His heel.”Genesis 3:15 (AMP)

- God’s plan – create a New Nation to Bless all Nations

And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.” Genesis 12:3 (NASB)

“The scepter [of royalty] shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until Shiloh [the Messiah, the Peaceful One] comes, and to Him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

Genesis 49:10 (AMP)

- The Deliverer would be the ultimate Prophet, Priest, and King.
- ❖ Prophecies of the Messiah – Deuteronomy 18:18, 19; II Samuel 7:11-13 & 16; Psalm 110; Isaiah 9:6, 7; Micah 5:2, 4; Haggai 2:7.

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:16-18 (KJV)

And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For this is contained in Scripture: “BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER stone, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.” I Peter 2:4-6 (NASB)

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY. I Peter 2:9, 10 (NASB)

- The Church – Prophets, Priests, & Kings – we are like our Messiah, the Head of the church.
- The church’s mandate and template – Acts 1:8; 2:41-47.

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” Revelation 7:9, 10 (NASB)

- The New Creation People – The Bride of Christ – will reign with Christ in the Resurrected Creation.
 - Revelation 19:1-9

There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.... they will reign forever and ever. Revelation 22:3, 4, 5c (NASB)

- ❖ Challenge – will you receive God’s calling to be a “living stone” in Christ’s House (Temple) and be a member of His international and glorious church that will reign with Him for eternity?

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Give, and it will be given to you: A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use will be the measure you receive.”Luke 6:38 (NET)

4Ways to Give:

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2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
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4. At the mobile giving station in the back of the Sanctuary

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