

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



May 3, 2026

I. A Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Isaiah 12:5 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Emblems of the Holy Spirit - Water

At The Oaks, we seek the life-giving water of the Holy Spirit, who refreshes and renews us, imparts vitality, produces fruitfulness in our lives, and fills us with deep joy, freedom, and fun.

“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” John 3:37-39 (NIV)

III. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Let giving flow from your heart, not from a sense of religious duty. Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving—all because God loves hilarious generosity! Yes, God is more than ready to overwhelm you with every form of grace, so that you will have more than enough of everything—every moment and in every way. He will make you overflow with abundance in every good thing you do.

II Corinthians 9:7-8 (TPT)

**Christ Alive In His Church**

IV. The Promise of The Father: The Gift of The Holy Spirit  
Acts 1&2  
Pastor Gary Barber

ACTS – Adventurous Christians Transforming Societies

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 1:4,5 (NIV)

❖ The Gift: to be immersed in the Spirit

1)When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2) Suddenly a sound came from heaven like a [mighty] rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3) There appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were being distributed [among them], and they rested on each one of them [as each person received the Holy Spirit]. 4) And they were all filled [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out.

Acts 2:1-4 (Edited Amplified Bible)

<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.... <sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Acts 2:16-18, 21 (NIV)

- ❖ Old Covenant: “Select few. Special Assignment. Specific Season.”
- ❖ New Covenant: “All believers. Abiding presence. Lifelong empowerment.”

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Acts 2:32,33 (NIV)

- ❖ Jesus’ Exaltation Opens The Flood Gates
- ❖ The Purpose and Priority of Prophecy

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church. I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy.

I Corinthians 14:1-5a (NIV)

**“Abusus non tollit usum”**

“Abuse does not take away use.”

“Misuse does not negate proper use.”

And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Acts 2:38,39 (NIV)

- ❖ The New Covenant Removes Barriers

It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God. <sup>6</sup> He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant. This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life.... For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

II Corinthians 3:5,6, 17 (NLT)

Drink Deep of the Spirit from the Exalted Christ

Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

John 7:37-39 (NIV)

❖ Prayer of Reflection

Thank you LORD for the gift of your Spirit. I drink of your Spirit now.

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS- Acts 1 & 2

1. Read Acts 2:1–4. What stands out to you about how the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, and what does this reveal about God's power and presence?
2. Read Acts 2:16–18. What does it mean that God will pour out His Spirit on all people, and how is this different from the Old Covenant?
3. Read Acts 2:38–39. Who is the promise of the Holy Spirit for, and how should that shape our expectations today?
4. Read II Corinthians 3:5–6,17. How does the Holy Spirit bring freedom and new life, and where do you need to experience that freedom?
5. Read I Corinthians 14:1–5. What is the purpose of prophecy in the church, and how can it strengthen and encourage others?
6. Read John 7:37–39. What does it look like in your daily life to "drink deeply" of the Spirit, and what might be holding you back?
7. Would you consider coming to the Rivers Retreat Saturday, May 30, at Pine Mountain Club? Pray for this special day for people in our church family to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
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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