

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



Merry Christmas!  
December 25, 2022

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

““And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”

Luke 2:8-20

II. Family Confession & Greeting

**Alliance Core Value #3**

Knowing and obeying God’s Word is fundamental to all true success
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“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

III. **Perspectives on Christmas: Part Five**

“God the Spirit’s View of Christmas”

Pastor Gary Barber

December 25, 2022

The Triune God – God The Father, God The Son, God The Spirit

““Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!”

Deuteronomy 6:4 (NKJV)

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God [The Father], and the communion [fellowship, friendship] of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.”

II Corinthians 13:14 (NKJV)

## ❖ God The Spirit's Perspective & Motivation

- The Heart of the Spirit – Elation, Intense Engagement, and Anticipation

“Mary said to the angel, “How will this happen? I am still a virgin.” The angel said to Mary, “The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of the Most High God will cover you. The baby will be holy and will be called the Son of God.”  
Luke 1:34, 35 (ERV)

## The Gift of The Spirit

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.”  
John 14:16, 17 (NIV)

“The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God [The Father], the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.”  
II Corinthians 13:14 (MSG)

- God's the Spirit wants a deep friendship with you!

“I will talk to the Father, and He'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can't take Him in because it doesn't have eyes to see Him, doesn't know what to look for. But you know Him already because He has been staying with you, and will even be in you!”  
John 14:16, 17 (MSG)

- ❖ Will you receive the love of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the friendship of the Spirit this Christmas?

## ❖ Prayer and Reflection

- Will you develop your friendship with God the Spirit in 2023?

## IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

“Be generous: Invest in acts of charity. Charity yields high returns. Don't hoard your goods; spread them around. Be a blessing to others. This could be your last night.” Ecclesiastes 11:1, 2 (MSG)

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