

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



December 18, 2022

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

“You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.”

Isaiah 9:3, 4 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Alliance Core Value #3

Everything we have belongs to God. We are His stewards.

““But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.” I Chronicles 29:14 (NIV)

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

“God the Father’s View of Christmas”

Pastor Gary Barber

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Galatians 4:4-7; John 3:16, 17

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)

How the Trinity was involved in Christmas

❖ The Mind, The Heart, The Actions of God The Father connected with the first Christmas

“The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: ‘Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.’”
Jeremiah 31:3 (NKJV)

“But when the fullness of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law”
Galatians 4:4 (NASB)

“So that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons and daughters.”
Galatians 4:5 (NASB)

“Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba! Father!”
Galatians 4:6 (NASB)

“So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.”
Galatians 4:4-7 (NIV)

- God’s motive – LOVE

““For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”
John 3:16, 17 (ESV)

❖ Prayer & Invitation

- Will you receive God’s love for you? His Christmas present of love in His Son?

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

“Freely you received, freely give.... “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Matthew 10:8b, 6:19-21 (NASB 1995)

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2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes

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