

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



August 30, 2026

I. A Call to Worship

"I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak His praises. I will boast only in the LORD; let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the LORD's greatness; let us exalt His name together. I prayed to the LORD, and He answered me. He freed me from all my fears."

Psalm 34:1-4 (NLT)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Soul Care Principle #13

God's grace removes guilt and shame and restores intimate relationship with Him.

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Romans 8:1

"Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame."

Psalm 34:5

III. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

"Watch out and guard yourselves from every kind of greed; because your true life is not made up of the things you own, no matter how rich you may be."

Luke 12:15 (GNT)



IV.

Destiny, Failure, & Restoration
The Story of Peter
Luke 5, Matthew 16, Matthew 26, John 21
Pastor Gary Barber

❖ The Life of Simon Peter

“The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).” John 1:41,42 (NIV)

➤ A new identity precedes transformation

➤ Christ has an important and unique destiny for each of His followers.

❖ Peter’s calling, surrender, success in ministry and great confession that Jesus is the Messiah – Matthew 4:18-20, Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 8:14-17, Matthew 10, Matthew 16:13-20

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

Matthew 16:15-18 (NIV)

❖ Peter’s incremental decline and failure – John 12, Matthew 26, Luke 22:31-34; Luke 22:54-62

Pride crept into Peter’s heart and prepared the way for his fall and denial of Christ.
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❖ Shame, Guilt & Restoration

Guilt tells me that I have done something wrong; toxic shame tells me that I am something wrong. The gospel deals with my guilt through the cross and deals with my shame by giving me a new identity in Christ and a new calling from Christ.

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Romans 8:1

❖ Peter’s restoration – John 21

“When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.”

John 21:15-17 (NIV)

❖ Peter was set free from guilt and shame and was restored – Acts 1-15, I Peter 5:5-10

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.”

I Peter 5:10 (NIV)

❖ Prayer for freedom from shame and healing of Identity