

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



October 19, 2025

I. A Call to Worship

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Philippians 2:9,10 (ESV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

The Oaks Priority #6

We are a relationship based church. We emphasize relational connection through community groups and ministry teams.

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:4, 5 (NIV)

III. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the people of Israel to bring me their sacred offerings. Accept the contributions from all whose hearts are moved to offer them.... But the people continued to bring additional gifts each morning.... They went to Moses and reported, "The people have given more than enough materials to complete the job the Lord has commanded us to do!"

Exodus 25:1,2; 36:3b,5 (NLT)



IV. Chosen to Declare God's Praises
I Peter 2:9,10
Pastor Gary Barber

❖ Worshipping God with awe & affection

- Shachah [Worship]: to bow down in reverence, awe, humility, and surrender – Psalm 95
- Proskuneo [Worship]: to turn towards (pros) and kiss (kuneo) – John 4

The Westminster Shorter Catechism states: Man's [Humanity's] chief end is to glorify God, and enjoy Him forever.

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. John 4:23 (NIV)

Accurate knowledge of God based on His Word is essential for the kind of worship the Father seeks.

❖ The Process of approaching God in Worship

We Thank God for His Goodness,
We Praise God for His Greatness,
We Worship God for His Holiness.

Derek Prince

➤ Psalm 100; Psalm 145:3; Psalm 96:9; Isaiah 6:1-8

❖ Our New Identity as the people of God

➤ I Peter 1:1-3, 18, 19, 23-25; 2:5

But you are A CHOSEN PEOPLE, 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)

Through Him, therefore, let us at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge and confess and glorify His name. Hebrews 13:15 (AMP)

"So that you many proclaim [declare/celebrate] the excellencies [virtues/praises] of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous [wonderful/amazing/surprising] light." I Peter 2:9b (PGET)

➤ Say yes to community

➤ Say yes to mercy

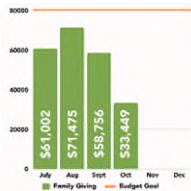
• The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 18:13,14 (NASB)

❖ Prayer & Invitation

Church Community Group Discussion Questions (Or Use With Your Family or Friends) – “Chosen to Declare God’s Praises”

1. Read: John 4:23 (NIV). What does it look like to be led by the Holy Spirit in worship? How can we ensure our worship aligns with God’s revealed truth rather than our own ideas of who He is?
2. Read: Psalm 100; Psalm 145:3; Psalm 96:9; Isaiah 6:1-8. How do thanksgiving, praise, and worship build upon each other? Which one do you find yourself engaging in most often, and which do you want to grow in?
3. Read: 1 Peter 2:9–10. Which part of your new identity in Christ—being chosen, royal, holy, or belonging to God—stands out most to you? How does knowing who you are in Christ shape the way you live and worship?
4. Read: 1 Peter 2:9b; Hebrews 13:15. In what ways can you declare God’s praises this week—through words, service, or lifestyle? What does it look like to be a living sacrifice of worship in your daily life?
5. Read: 1 Peter 2:10; Philippians 3:20. How has being part of God’s family deepened your understanding of worship and belonging? What step might God be inviting you to take to grow in community?
6. Read: 1 Peter 5:5; Luke 18:9–14. Where do you need to receive God’s mercy in a fresh way? How can humility open the door for renewal, connection, and deeper worship?
7. Pray for one another and your FRANCES.



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