

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



October 8, 2023

I. **Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16 (NIV)

II. **Family Confession & Greeting**

**The Oaks Priority #4**

We are an evangelistic church. We believe in and  
proclaim the Gospel of Christ:  
God's Only Son Provides Eternal Life.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life. John 3:16 (ERV)

**GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY**

III. "Made in God's Image to Reflect His Glory"  
& Rule His Creation"  
Genesis 1; Revelation 21 & 22  
Pastor Gary Barber

❖ Created by God with a Purpose

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. Genesis 1:1-5 (NASB)

➤ The Three Predominant World Views

- Naturalism – Nature encompasses all that exists throughout space and time. The supernatural does not exist... only nature is real. “The cosmos is all that is, or ever was, or ever will be.”
- Pantheism –The belief that all things contain divinity and that God is the sum of all things. It is the view that God is everything and everyone – and consequently that everyone and everything is God. God is one with the universe.
- Theism – Affirms both the existence of a transcendent God and one that is involved in Creation. It is “belief in the existence of one God viewed as the creative source of the human race and the world who transcends yet is immanent in the world.”

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”  
Genesis 1:26-28 (NASB)

God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good.

Genesis 1:31a (NASB)

- The solution to “the cultural waters we are swimming in”
- ❖ WE ARE CREATED BY A DESIGNER WITH A DESIGN, A PURPOSE, A MANDATE, AND A DESTINY.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away.... And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.... There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him.”  
Revelation 21:1, 5; 22:3 (NASB)

They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.  
Revelation 22:4, 5 (NASB)

❖ Application

- How are you reflecting the image and glory of your Creator?
- Are you pursuing the restoration of His image in your life?

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.  
Romans 8:29 (NIV)

- Are you producing fruit?

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:8 (NIV)

- Prayer

#### IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

##### Stewardship Principle #5

In addition to God's tithe, we give compassion gifts to help the needy.

When you give to the poor, don't let anyone know about it. Then your gift will be given in secret. Your Father knows what is done in secret and will reward you.

Matthew 6:3, 4 (CEV)

##### **3 Ways to Give:**

1. Online at [www.theoaksweb.com](http://www.theoaksweb.com) or download our app (The Oaks Bakersfield)
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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Text us to let us know that you are here today or with any prayer request that you have: 661-241-3408