



*Alpharetta*

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

March 8th, 2026

## WELCOME TO ALPHARETTA BIBLE CHURCH

We are glad you are here to worship the living God! This worship folder is intended to guide you through the service, as well as provide you with devotional material to take home.

It is our hope you will observe four peculiarities about ABC.

First, we endeavor to make our services coherent. As we offer each regulated element of worship, you will notice each element is about ONE subject.

Second, you will notice the hymns we sing may be unfamiliar or “old school.” While we also sing contemporary songs that are sound, we choose music that best reinforces our theme.

Third, it is our desire that you will leave our worship service not just knowing more, but loving the true and living God more.

Lastly, while we are not high church, we do believe that our primary worship service should be done with reverence. We strive to be orderly and structured without being stuffy and non-human. Thank you for joining us.

### SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

#### Announcements

- **Elder/Deacon nomination recommendations being sought.**
- **Join us for Sunday School - weekly @ 9 AM.**
- **This Thursday @ “3:15-Equipped”:** *Building a Healthy Home.* Starts @ 7 PM. Come early to eat and fellowship!
- **Interested in Church Membership? Click “Connect” on our church website to take the first step.**
- **Would you like to serve the Lord by serving ABC? To volunteer at ABC, visit our website, click “Connect” and complete form or request more information**

## IN PREPARATION

If you are saved, you have union with Christ. If you have union with Christ, you are united to all who are in Christ. Our Christian love for one another is grounded in the theological reality that we are bound together in Him. Sincere love for the brethren flows out of the communion of the saints. We will celebrate this in verse 3 of “For All the Saints” when we sing, “O blessed communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; All are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!”

### Prelude

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

**All: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: My soul will make its boast in the Lord;

**All: The humble will hear it and rejoice.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

**All: And let us exalt His name together.**

## Congregational Hymn—Come, Christians, Join to Sing

### Verse 1

Come, Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice:  
Alleluia! Amen!

### Verse 2

Come, lift your hearts on high;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;

To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end;  
Alleluia! Amen!

### Verse 3

Praise yet our Christ again;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore,  
"Alleluia! Amen!"

Christian H. Bateman

## Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

\*Whether you give online or place your gift in the offertory box, we pause to acknowledge the offering of our gifts to the Lord.

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Lord, I confess that I have not loved my brothers and sisters as You command. I have harbored judgment and criticism in my heart. I have measured others by my standards rather than with love. Forgive my pride, my impatience, and my cold indifference.

Lord Jesus, You who loved Your disciples even to the cross, teach me to love as You love. Purge my heart of envy, my tongue of harsh words, and my eyes of contempt. Let me rejoice in the gifts and graces of others, and let me bear their burdens as if they were my own.

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Cultivate in me humility and gentleness. Make me eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit, not seeking my own honor but the growth and encouragement of Your body. Bind me to Your people in patience, hope, and faithful love.

Let my words be full of grace, my actions full of mercy, and my heart full of brotherly affection. Help me to pursue peace, to forgive freely, and to serve joyfully, so that the world may see in us the love of Christ and know that we are His disciples.

Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness—1 John 2:1–2**

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins;

### **Congregational Hymn—There Is a Fountain**

Verse 1

There is a fountain  
filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged  
beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains,  
Lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners plunged  
beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.

Verse 3

E'er since by faith  
I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love  
has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die,  
And shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love  
has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.

William Cowper

## Confession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the universal church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

Apostles' Creed

## Pastoral Prayer

### Old Testament Scripture Reading— Psalm 133

<sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil upon the head, Coming down upon the beard, *Even Aaron's beard*, Coming down upon the edge of his robes.

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing—life forever.

## Congregational Hymn—For All the Saints

### Verse 1

For all the saints  
who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee, by faith  
before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus,  
be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear,  
their one true Light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Verse 2

Thou wast their Rock,  
their Fortress and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain

### Verse 3

O blessed communion,  
fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle,  
they in glory shine;  
All are one in Thee,  
for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

William W. How

## New Testament Scripture Reading—John 17:20-23

<sup>20</sup> “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

<sup>22</sup> The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;

<sup>23</sup> I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

## Prayer: Prepare Our Hearts

## Congregational Song of Preparation—Speak O Lord

### Verse 1

Speak, O Lord,  
as we come to You  
To receive the food  
of Your holy Word  
Take Your truth,  
plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us  
in Your likeness

That the light of Christ  
might be seen today  
In our acts of love  
and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

## Preaching of the Word—

### “Your Love” 1 Peter 1:22-25

Todd Friel

## Song of Response—The Church’s One Foundation

### Verse 1

The church’s one foundation,  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation,  
By Spirit and the Word.  
From heav’n He came  
and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood  
He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

### Verse 2

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o’er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation—  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food;  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

Samuel Stone

## Commission

### Benediction—Romans 15:5-6

Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Assisting in Worship: Preaching - Pastor Todd Friel; Service Leader - Pastor Jason Allen;  
Musicians: Piano - Francine Lowe; Song Leaders - Elisabeth Lowe, Jennifer Snowden,  
Lindsay White, Lauren Glosson, Alex McCurley

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Prayer of Confession - Anonymous

## SERMON NOTES

**In humble reliance upon the Word of God and prayer,  
Alpharetta Bible Church is committed to worshipping God, making  
disciples, loving and serving the body of Christ  
so that we will be moved from  
brokenness to wholeness.**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday Night Bible Study**  
7:00 p.m.

**LEADERSHIP**

**Todd Friel, Pastor**

**Todd Armistead, Deacon**

**Jason Allen, Pastor**

**Brooks Clark, Deacon**

**Steve Howerton, Deacon**

**Kenny Robillard, Deacon**

**Biblical Counseling**  
**Ladies - Libby Glosson**  
**Men - Dave Covalli**

If you have a prayer need or need to speak with a pastor,  
they will be available following the morning service.

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