



*Alpharetta*

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

July 27th, 2025

## 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 three 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 re-enforces our theme.

Finally, it is our desire that you will leave our worship service not just knowing more, but loving the true and living God more. Thank you for joining us.

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

### Announcements

- Our next ABC Informational Meeting will be Sunday, August 10th immediately following the worship service. *This meeting is for non-members who have questions about our church.*
- Join us for Sunday School! All ages - Sundays @ 9 a.m.
- Men's Midweek Study - Thursdays @ 7 p.m.
- 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

We will hear some of the most terrifying words in all of the Scripture today in our Old Testament reading when the LORD says to Cain, “sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

We know that Cain did not master his sin and faced the hopeless consequences of unrepentance. What hope do we have when we fall into sin? What makes us different from Cain? The answer to both questions is found in Jesus Christ. Because of His life, death, and resurrection, we can repent knowing that God receives us—not because of our repentance itself, but because of Christ's righteousness. Jesus is our only hope for salvation and forgiveness and restoration when we fall.

### **Prelude**

#### **Call to Worship—Psalm 89:1-2; 5-8**

Leader: I will sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever; To all generations I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth. For I have said, “Lovingkindness will be built up forever; In the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness.”

**All: The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.**

Leader: For who in the skies is comparable to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty is like the Lord, A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, And awesome above all those who are around Him?

**All: O Lord God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.**

## Congregational Hymn—Great Is Thy Faithfulness

### Verse 1

Great is thy faithfulness,  
O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow  
of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been,  
Thou forever wilt be.

### [Refrain]

Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning  
new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand  
hast provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Lord unto me.

### Verse 2

Summer and winter  
and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars  
in their courses above  
Join with all nature  
in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness,  
mercy, and love.

### [Refrain]

### Verse 3

Pardon for sin  
and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today  
and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine and ten  
thousand beside.

### [Refrain]

Thomas O. Chisholm

## 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

Merciful God, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but You are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in You. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for You that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness—Colossians 2:13–14

<sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, <sup>14</sup> having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

## Congregational Hymn—Here Is Love

### Verse 1

Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
Lovingkindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life,  
our Ransom,  
Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love  
will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten,  
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

### Verse 4

In Your truth You still direct me  
By Your Spirit  
through Your Word;  
And Your grace  
my need is meeting,  
As I trust in You, my Lord.  
Of Your fullness You are pouring  
Your great love and pow'r on me,  
Without measure,  
full and boundless,  
Drawing out my heart to Thee.

William Rees

# Confession of Faith

## Paragraphs 1 & 2

They who are united to Christ, effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, are also farther sanctified, really and personally,<sup>1</sup> through the same virtue, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them;<sup>2</sup> the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed,<sup>3</sup> and the several lusts of it are more and more weakened and mortified,<sup>4</sup> and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces,<sup>5</sup> to the practice of all true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.<sup>6</sup>

1 Acts 20:32; Rom. 6:5–6

4 Gal. 5:24

2 John 17:17; Eph. 3:16–19; 1 Thess. 5:21–23

5 Col. 1:11

3 Rom. 6:14

6 2 Cor. 7:1; Heb. 12:14

This sanctification is throughout the whole man,<sup>7</sup> yet imperfect in this life; there abides still some remnants of corruption in every part,<sup>8</sup> wherefrom arises a continual and irreconcilable war; the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.<sup>9</sup>

7 1 Thess. 5:23

9 Gal. 5:17; 1 Pet. 2:11

8 Rom. 7:18,23

The London Baptist Confession, 1689

## Pastoral Prayer

## Old Testament Scripture Reading—Genesis 4:1–8

<sup>1</sup> Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, “I have gotten a manchild with *the help of the Lord.*” <sup>2</sup> Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. <sup>3</sup> So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground. <sup>4</sup> Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and for his offering; <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup> “If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.” <sup>8</sup> Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

## Congregational Hymn—He Will Hold Me Fast

### Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

### [Chorus]

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Saviour loves me so  
He will hold me fast

### Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

### [Chorus]

Ada Habershon, Matthew Merker

## **New Testament Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 10:6–13**

<sup>6</sup> Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play.” <sup>8</sup> Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. <sup>9</sup> Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. <sup>10</sup> Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

### **Prayer: Prepare Our Hearts**

### **Congregational Song of Preparation—Speak O Lord**

Verse 3  
Speak O Lord,  
and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights  
of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged  
from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down  
through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand  
on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk  
as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord,  
till Your church is built,  
And the earth is filled  
with Your glory.

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

### **Preaching of the Word—**

**“When We Fall”  
Matthew 26:69-75**

Todd Friel



## Song of Response—He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
'Til our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!

[Chorus]

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Saviour loves me so  
He will hold me fast

Ada Habershon, Matthew Merker

## Commission

**Benediction**—1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

**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.

**Men's Bible Study**  
7:00 p.m.

## **LEADERSHIP**

**Todd Friel, Pastor**

**Todd Armistead, Deacon**

**Jason Allen, Pastor**

**Brooks Clark, Deacon**

**Mike Sandfrey, Pastor**

**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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