



*Alpharetta*

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

February 15th, 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

- **Don't miss Sunday School - weekly @ 9 AM.**
- **This Thursday @ “3:15-Equipped”: *Peace in an Apocalyptic World.* 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

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” is a hymn we often sing during the Christmas season. However, we declare its words this morning because they underscore the passage of Scripture we’ll be looking at from 1st Peter. Just as the prophets longed to know more, and just as the angels long to see more, so too we long for the return of our Lord Jesus. When we sing, “Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear desire of ev’ry nation, Joy of ev’ry longing heart,” we give voice to that longing. Let us rejoice this morning in Jesus as our hearts long for Him.

### **Prelude**

#### **Call to Worship—Psalm 16:5-6**

Leader: The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and my cup;

**All: You support my lot.**

Leader: The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;

**All: Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.**

## Congregational Hymn—O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

### Verse 1

Oh, for a thousand  
tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!

### Verse 2

Jesus! the name  
that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

### Verse 3

He breaks the pow'r  
of canceled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make  
the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

### Verse 5

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all  
the earth abroad  
the honors of Thy name.

Charles Wesley

## 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 am a wretch who forgets the wonders You have revealed in Christ. How often have I taken for granted the full knowledge of Your truth, the promises of the New Covenant, and the privilege of walking in the light of salvation that the prophets longed to see! My heart grows dull, my affections wander, and I treat Your gospel as common when it is incomprehensible treasure.

I confess my ingratitude: for the joy of knowing You personally, for the fellowship of Your Spirit, for the certainty of redemption, I have murmured, grown weary in trials, and sought my comfort in trifles. I have neglected meditation on the cross, undervalued the sufferings and glory of Christ, and failed to rejoice in the blessings of my calling.

Forgive me, O Lord, for my sloth and my unbelief. Deliver me from the sin of forgetfulness. Grant me a heart inflamed with awe, a spirit quick to delight in Your Word, and eyes ever fixed on Your glory. May I live as one who treasures You above all, rejoices in the privileges of grace, and walks in obedience and love, until I stand in the presence of Your unveiled majesty.

In the name of Your only begotten Son, Amen.

## **Assurance of Forgiveness—Ephesians 1:13–14**

<sup>13</sup> In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

## Congregational Hymn—Grace Greater Than Our Sin

### Verse 1

Marvelous grace of  
our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds  
our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's  
mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the  
Lamb was spilt.

### Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon  
and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater  
than all our sin.

Julia H. Johnston

## Confession of Faith

Leader: What is the union of the believer with Christ?

**All: The union of the believer with Christ is the giving of His Spirit to them, whereby they are made one with Him, partakers of all His benefits, and are enabled to grow in holiness and to discern the mysteries of salvation; and this union is inseparable, and enduring, and never lost.**

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 31

## Pastoral Prayer

### Old Testament Scripture Reading—Habakkuk 2:2-4

<sup>2</sup> Then the Lord answered me and said,  
“Record the vision  
And inscribe *it* on tablets,  
That the one who reads it may run.  
<sup>3</sup> “For the vision is yet for the appointed time;  
It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail.  
Though it tarries, wait for it;  
For it will certainly come, it will not delay.  
<sup>4</sup> “Behold, as for the proud one,  
His soul is not right within him;  
But the righteous will live by his faith.

## Congregational Hymn—Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

### Verse 1

Come, Thou long  
expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears  
and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength  
and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

### Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious  
kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley

## New Testament Scripture Reading—Ephesians 3:1-13

<sup>1</sup> For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup> if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;

<sup>3</sup> that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.

<sup>4</sup> By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

<sup>5</sup> which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;

<sup>6</sup> to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

<sup>7</sup> of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.

<sup>8</sup> To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,

<sup>9</sup> and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;

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<sup>10</sup> so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

<sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

<sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory.

## **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 Privileged Position”  
1 Peter 1:10-12**

Todd Friel

## Song of Response—Knowing You

### Verse 1

All I once held dear  
built my life upon  
All this world reveres  
and wars to own  
All I once thought gain  
I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless now  
compared to this

### [Chorus]

Knowing You Jesus  
knowing You  
There is no greater thing  
You're my all, You're the best  
You're my joy, my righteousness  
And I love You Lord  
love You Lord

### Verse 2

Now my heart's desire  
is to know You more  
To be found in You  
and known as Yours  
To possess by faith  
what I could not earn  
All surpassing gift  
of righteousness

### [Chorus]

Graham Kendrick

## Commission

### Benediction—Romans 16:25-27

<sup>25</sup> Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,  
<sup>26</sup> but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith;  
<sup>27</sup> to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever.  
Amen.

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

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Prayer of Confession - Anonymous

## SERMON NOTES

**List the Five Actors in Your Salvation in 1 Peter 1:10-12:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**List just five of the privileges of your salvation:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**List five emotions that should be affected by the knowledge of your privileges:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**In humble reliance upon the Word of God and prayer,  
Alpharetta Bible Church is committed to worshiping 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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