



*Alpharetta*

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

March 22nd, 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

- **Join us for Sunday School - weekly @ 9 AM.**
- **This Thursday @ “3:15-Equipped”:** *Looking Forward to the Resurrection of Our Bodies.* 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

Alpharetta Bible Church will either be the sweetest place on planet earth, or it will become a viper's den—guaranteed. What will determine the outcome? Whether we heed the Apostle Peter's instruction to us in today's sermon text. Let us, with earnestness, listen to Peter's call and may the Lord be pleased to build here a church marked by sweetness, unity, and truth.

### 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

Lord Jesus,

I come to You with a contrite heart, aware of my sins and disobedience. Forgive me for the ways I have fallen short, chosen my own will over Yours, and not loved my brothers and sisters as I ought. I do not desire to harm others, yet I find my thoughts and words turning toward gossip, slander, and malice. Forgive me for the times I have spoken too quickly, judged too harshly, or let envy stir in my heart.

Purify my lips and guard my mind. Fill me with Your love so that I may rejoice in the good of others, speak truth with grace, and act in ways that bless rather than wound. Strengthen me to resist temptation, not out of mere duty, but because I love You and long to honor You in every thought, word, and deed.

By Your Spirit, transform my heart so that my speech reflects Your holiness, my thoughts mirror Your mercy, and my life testifies to the power of Your redeeming love.

Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness—Ephesians 2:13–16

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, <sup>15</sup> by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

## Congregational Hymn—All I Have Is Christ

### Verse 1

I once was lost in darkest night,  
Yet thought I knew the way.  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope  
that you would own  
A rebel to Your will.  
And if You had  
not loved me first,  
I would refuse You still.

### Verse 2

But as I ran my hell-bound race,  
Indiff'rent to the cost,  
You looked upon  
my helpless state  
And led me to the cross.  
And I beheld  
God's love displayed,  
You suffered in my place.  
You bore the wrath

reserved for me,  
Now all I know is grace.

[Refrain]

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

### Verse 3

Now, Lord, I would  
be Yours alone,  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow  
Your commands  
Could never come from me.  
Oh, Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose,  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You.

[Refrain]

Jordan Kauflin

## Confession of Faith

### Chapter 26: Of the Church

All persons throughout the world, professing the faith of the gospel, and obedience unto God by Christ according unto it, not destroying their own profession by any errors everting the foundation, or unholiness of conversation, are and may be called visible saints;<sup>2</sup> and of such ought all particular congregations to be constituted.<sup>3</sup>

2 1 Cor. 1:2; Acts 11:26

3 Rom. 1:7; Eph. 1:20–22

## Pastoral Prayer

### Old Testament Scripture Reading—Zechariah 7:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to Zechariah saying,

<sup>9</sup> “Thus has the Lord of hosts said, ‘Dispense true justice and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother;

<sup>10</sup> and do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the stranger or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.’

<sup>11</sup> But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears from hearing.

<sup>12</sup> They made their hearts like flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the Lord of hosts.

<sup>13</sup> And just as He called and they would not listen, so they called and I would not listen,” says the Lord of hosts;

<sup>14</sup> “but I scattered them with a storm wind among all the nations whom they have not known. Thus the land is desolated behind them so that no one went back and forth, for they made the pleasant land desolate.”

## Congregational Hymn—O Church, Arise

### Verse 1

O church, arise  
and put your armor on;  
Hear the call of Christ  
our captain;  
For now the weak  
can say that they are strong  
In the strength that  
God has given.  
With shield of faith  
and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose  
battle cry is "Love!"  
Reaching out  
to those in darkness.

### Verse 2

Our call to war,  
to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword  
that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials

on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have  
the prize for which He died -  
An inheritance of nations.

### Verse 3

Come, see the cross  
where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes  
lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges  
from the grave,  
This vict'ry march  
continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart  
shall see Him.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## New Testament Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

<sup>2</sup> Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

<sup>3</sup> For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

<sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

**Cont'd**

<sup>6</sup> For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience,  
<sup>7</sup> and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.  
<sup>8</sup> But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,  
<sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—  
<sup>11</sup> a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.  
<sup>12</sup> So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;  
<sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.  
<sup>14</sup> Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.  
<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.  
<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.  
<sup>17</sup> Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

## **Prayer: Prepare Our Hearts**

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

Verse 2

Teach us, Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts  
and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity

Cause our faith to rise,  
cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of pow'r  
that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail  
over unbelief

## Preaching of the Word—

### “Your Garbage” 1 Peter 2:1-3

Todd Friel

## Song of Response—O Church, Arise

Verse 4

So Spirit, come,  
put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run  
with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old  
still line the way,

Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls  
and hunger for the day  
When, with Christ,  
we stand in glory.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## Commission

### Benediction—2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, <sup>17</sup> comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

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

List the five sins Peter calls us to avoid:

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

Identify the sins from this list that you are inclined to commit.

Were you able to identify what is happening at the heart level that makes you prone to commit those sins?

Is there anyone in particular that you need to repent to for committing any of these sins?

What should our motivation be to NOT commit those sins?

**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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