



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

August 3rd, 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

- **Quarterly Information Meeting, Sunday, August 10th**
immediately following the Worship Service (this meeting is for non-members who have questions about our church).
- **Women's Discipleship Event, Saturday, 8/23, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM**
@ Big Canoe, GA. Register now in the lobby!
- **Don't miss our weekly Bible study, Sundays @ 9 AM**
- **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

The focus of today's service will be on repentance. To help us think about the importance of repentance, we will corporately confess a prayer from The Valley of Vision. The prayer closes with these words, "Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace." The answer to our sin and the assurance of forgiveness through repentance is found in Christ Jesus alone. May the wonder of the grace we are given through Jesus never wane.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 32:1-5

Leader: How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered!

**All: How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute
iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no deceit!**

Leader: When I kept silent *about my sin*, my body wasted away
Through my groaning all day long.

**All: For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
My vitality was drained away *as* with the fever heat of
summer. *Selah*.**

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I did not hide;

**All: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord";
And You forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*.**

Congregational Hymn—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n
to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Verse 2

Breathe, O breathe
Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 3

Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be
always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
pray, and praise Thee
without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

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.**

The Lord's Supper—Instruction & Reflection

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O God of grace,
You have imputed my sin to my
substitute, and have imputed His
righteousness to my soul,
clothing me with a bridegroom's
robe, decking me with jewels of
holiness.

But in my Christian walk I am still
in rags; my best prayers are
stained with sin; my penitential
tears are so much impurity;
my confessions of wrong are so
many aggravations of sin; my
receiving the Spirit is tinctured
with selfishness.

I need to repent of my
repentance;

I need my tears to be washed;
I have no robe to bring to cover
my sins, no loom to weave my
own righteousness;

I am always standing clothed in
filthy garments, and by grace am
always receiving change of
raiment, for You continually

justify the ungodly;
I am always going into the far
country, and always returning
home as a prodigal, always saying,
Father, forgive me, and Thou art
always bringing forth the best
robe.

Every morning let me wear it,
every evening return in it,
go out to the day's work in it,
be married in it,
be wound in death in it,
stand before the great white
throne in it,
enter heaven in it shining as the
sun.

Grant me never to lose sight of
the exceeding sinfulness of sin,
the exceeding righteousness of
salvation,
the exceeding glory of Christ,
the exceeding beauty of holiness,
the exceeding wonder of grace.

Valley of Vision

Assurance of Forgiveness—Hebrews 12:1–2

¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us,
let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily
entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the
joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat
down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Congregational Hymn - Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Verse 1

Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou did suffer to release us;
Thou did free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou agonizing Savior,
Bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merits we find favor;
Life is given through Thy name.

Verse 2

Passover Lamb,
by God appointed,
All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
Thou have full atonement made.
All Thy people are forgiven
Through the virtue of
Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven;
Reconciled is man with God.

John Bakewell

Confession of Faith

Chapter 15: Of Repentance Unto Life and Salvation

This saving repentance is an evangelical grace,⁴ whereby a person, being by the Holy Spirit made sensible of the manifold evils of his sin, does, by faith in Christ, humble himself for it with godly sorrow, detestation of it, and self-abhorrancy,⁵ praying for pardon and strength of grace, with a purpose and endeavor, by supplies of the Spirit, to walk before God unto all well-pleasing in all things.⁶

⁴ Zech. 12:10; Acts 11:18

⁵ Ezek. 36:31; 2 Cor. 7:11

⁶ Ps. 119:6,128

London Baptist Confession, 1689

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Genesis 25:24-34

²⁴ When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

²⁵ Now the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they named him Esau.

²⁶ Afterward his brother came forth with his hand holding on to Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob; and Isaac was sixty years old when she gave birth to them.

²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, but Jacob was a peaceful man, living in tents.

²⁸ Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ When Jacob had cooked stew, Esau came in from the field and he was famished;

³⁰ and Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me have a swallow of that red stuff there, for I am famished." Therefore his name was called Edom.

³¹ But Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright."

³² Esau said, "Behold, I am about to die; so of what use then is the birthright to me?"

³³ And Jacob said, "First swear to me"; so he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Congregational Hymn - Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Verse 1

Come, ye sinners,
poor and needy,
Weak and wounded,
sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Verse 2

Come, ye thirsty,
come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

[Refrain]

Verse 3

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

[Refrain]

New Testament Scripture Reading—Acts 8:9-23

⁹ Now there was a man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great;

¹⁰ and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, “This man is what is called the Great Power of God.”

¹¹ And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his magic arts.

¹² But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

¹³ Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John,

¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

¹⁶ For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁷ Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money,

¹⁹ saying, “Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”

²⁰ But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!

²¹ You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

²² Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

²³ For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity.”

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—

“Counterfeit Repentance” Matthew 27:1-10

Todd Friel

Song of Response - Depth of Mercy

Verse 2

I have long withstood His grace,
long provoked Him to His face.
Would not harken to His calls,
grieved Him by a thousand falls.
There for me the Savior stands,
shows His wounds, and spreads
His hands.
God is love, His grace so free,
depth of mercy, there for me.

Verse 3

I my Master have denied,
I afresh have crucified
And profaned
His hallowed name,
put Him to an open shame.
Jesus speaks
and pleads His blood!
He disarms the wrath of God:
Now my Father's mercies move:
He receives me with His love.

Charles Wesley

Commission

Benediction - 2 Peter 3:18

¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Assisting in Worship: Preaching - Pastor/Todd Friel; Service Leader - Pastor/Jason Allen;

Musicians: Piano - Francine Lowe; Song Leader - Elisabeth Lowe

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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

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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