



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

September 14th, 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

- **Young adult gathering at the Allen's. Sunday, 10/5 @ 4:30PM. Bucket Golf, Board Games and Chili!**
- **Don't miss our weekly Bible study, Sundays @ 9 a.m.**
- **Men's, Women's, and Children's Studies, Thursday @ 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 first song we will sing together this morning is, “Hallelujah, What a Savior!”. This song is a triumphant declaration glorying in the One who makes it possible for sinners to be cleansed of their sin. The third verse reveals our great need and the great Savior, “Guilty, vile and helpless we, Spotless Lamb of God was He; Full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!”. Let us thank God for Jesus, our great Savior, as we worship together through singing, praying, confession, and sitting under the preached Word of God.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 53:5-6

Leader: He was pierced through for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;

**All: The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him,
And by His scourging we are healed.**

Leader: All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way;

**All: But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all
To fall on Him.**

Congregational Hymn—Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Verse 1

“Man of sorrows!” what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Verse 2

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place
condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon
with His blood;
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Verse 3

Guilty, vile and helpless we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Verse 4

Lifted up was He to die,
“It is finished,” was His cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Phillip P. Bliss

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

Blessed Lord Jesus,

Before Thy cross I kneel and see
the heinousness of my sin,
my iniquity that caused Thee to
be 'made a curse',
the evil that excites the severity
of divine wrath.

Show me the enormity of my
guilt by
the crown of thorns,
the pierced hands and feet,
the bruised body,
the dying cries.

Thy blood is the blood of
incarnate God,
its worth infinite, its value
beyond all thought.

Infinite must be the evil and guilt
that demands such a price.

Sin is my malady, my monster, my
foe, my viper,
born in my birth,
alive in my life,
strong in my character,

dominating my faculties,
following me as a shadow,
intermingling with my every
thought,
my chain that holds me captive
in the empire of my soul.

Sinner that I am, why should the
sun give me light,
the air supply breath,
the earth bear my tread,
its fruits nourish me,
its creatures subserve my ends?

Yet Thy compassions yearn over
me,
Thy heart hastens to my rescue,
Thy love endured my curse,
Thy mercy bore my deserved
stripes.

Let me walk humbly in the lowest
depths of humiliation,
bathed in Thy blood,
tender of conscience,
triumphing gloriously as an heir
of salvation.

Valley of Vision

Assurance of Forgiveness—Colossians 2:13–14

¹³ 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, ¹⁴ 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—His Mercy Is More

[Chorus]

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more

Verse 1

What love could remember,
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing,
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more

[Chorus]

Verse 3

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more

[Chorus]

Matt Papa

Confession of Faith

Article 21: The Atonement

We believe that Jesus Christ is a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek—made such by an oath—and that He presented Himself in our name before His Father, to appease His Father’s wrath with full satisfaction by offering Himself on the tree of the cross and pouring out His precious blood for the cleansing of our sins, as the prophets had predicted.

For it is written that “the punishment that made us whole” was placed on the Son of God and that “by His bruises we are healed.” He was “like a lamb that is led to the slaughter”; He was “numbered with the transgressors”⁴⁶ and condemned as a criminal by Pontius Pilate, though Pilate had declared that He was innocent. So He paid back what He had not stolen,⁴⁷ and He suffered— “the righteous for the unrighteous,”⁴⁸ in both His body and His soul—in such a way that when He sensed the horrible punishment required by our sins “His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.”⁴⁹

He cried, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?”⁵⁰ And He endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore we rightly say with Paul that we know nothing “except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified”;⁵¹ we “regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus [our] Lord.”⁵²

We find all comforts in His wounds and have no need to seek or invent any other means to reconcile ourselves with God than this one and only sacrifice, once made, which renders believers perfect forever. This is also why the angel of God called Him Jesus—that is, “Savior”—because He would save His people from their sins.⁵³

46 Isa. 53:4-12

47 Ps. 69:4

48 1 Pet. 3:18

49 Luke 22:44

50 Matt. 27:46

51 1 Cor. 2:2

52 Phil. 3:8

53 Matt. 1:21

Belgic Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Leviticus 16:15-22

¹⁵ “Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat.

¹⁶ He shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel and because of their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and thus he shall do for the tent of meeting which abides with them in the midst of their impurities.

¹⁷ When he goes in to make atonement in the holy place, no one shall be in the tent of meeting until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household and for all the assembly of Israel.

¹⁸ Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the Lord and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and of the blood of the goat and put it on the horns of the altar on all sides.

¹⁹ With his finger he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it seven times and cleanse it, and from the impurities of the sons of Israel consecrate it.

²⁰ “When he finishes atoning for the holy place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall offer the live goat.

²¹ Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel and all their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who stands in readiness.

²² The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

Congregational Hymn—O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Verse 1

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame
weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown;
How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!

Verse 2

What Thou, my Lord,
hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain;

Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Assist me with Thy grace.

Verse 3

My burden in Thy Passion,
Lord, Thou hast borne for me,
For it was my transgression
Which brought this woe on Thee.
I cast me down before Thee,
Wrath were my rightful lot;
Have mercy, I implore Thee;
Redeemer, spurn me not!

Paul Gerhardt

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 5:6-11

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

¹¹ And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

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—

**“More than a Victory”
Matthew 27:35-44**

Todd Friel

Song of Response—O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Verse 4

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?

O make me Thine forever,
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.

Paul Gerhardt

Commission

Benediction—Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰ Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, ²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Assisting in Worship: Preaching - Pastor/Todd Friel; Service Leader - Pastor/Jason Allen;
Musicians: Piano - Francine Lowe; Song Leaders - Elisabeth Lowe, Julie Sandfrey,
Jennifer Snowden, Lindsay White

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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 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

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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