



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

August 9th, 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 a.m.

Announcements

- **Children’s & Youth Ministry Training, Thursday, 8/20 @ 6 p.m. (dinner provided).**
- **ABC One Day Women’s Conference, Saturday, 8/29, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Register Now! See Libby or Joanie for details.**
- **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 the form or request more information.**

IN PREPARATION

Psalm 65:4

How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near *to You*
To dwell in Your courts.

We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
Your holy temple.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 100:1-5

Leader: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before Him with joyful singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord Himself is God;

**All: It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

**All: For the Lord is good;
His lovingkindness is everlasting
And His faithfulness to all generations.**

Congregational Hymn—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near:
Join me in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper
thy hand and defend thee;
surely His goodness
and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if with His love He befriend thee.

Verse 5

Praise to the Lord,
oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises
before Him.
Let the Amen sound
from His people again,
gladly for aye we adore Him.

Joachim Neander

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

Gracious Father,

You have called us into the fellowship of the saints, made us members of Christ's body, and given us the blessing of worshiping together in Your presence. Forgive us for treating the gathering of Your church as a duty rather than a delight.

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We confess that we have sometimes approached worship with reluctance instead of expectation, with indifference instead of joy, and with a sense of obligation instead of gratitude.

Forgive us for failing to say with the psalmist, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" We have not longed for Your courts as we should. We have not considered one day in Your presence better than a thousand elsewhere.

Father, renew our hearts. Give us a deeper love for Christ's bride, a greater hunger for Your Word, and a stronger desire to gather with Your people. Restore to us the joy of salvation and make us eager to worship You with the saints on earth as we will worship You forever in glory.

May we truly say, "How lovely are Your dwelling places, O LORD of hosts!" May our souls long for You, the living God, and may our greatest delight be found in You.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—Hebrews 4:14–16

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

¹⁶ Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Congregational Hymn—Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean

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 2

On the mount of crucifixion,
fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates
of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above.
Heaven's peace
and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

William Rees

Confession of Faith

Article 27: The Universal Christian Church

We believe and profess one universal church,¹ which is a holy congregation and assembly² of the true Christian believers, who expect their entire salvation in Jesus Christ,³ are washed by His blood, and are sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.⁴

This church has existed from the beginning of the world and will be to the end, for Christ is an eternal King who cannot be without subjects.⁵ This holy church is preserved by God against the fury of the whole world,⁶ although for a while it may look very small and as extinct in the eyes of man.⁷ Thus during the perilous reign of Ahab, the Lord kept for Himself seven thousand persons who had not bowed their knees to Baal.⁸

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Moreover, this holy church is not confined or limited to one particular place or to certain persons, but is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world.⁹ However, it is joined and united with heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.¹⁰

1 Gen 22:18; Is 49:6; Eph 2:17-19

2 Ps 111:1; Jn 10:14, 16; Eph 4:3-6; Heb 12:22-23

3 Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21

4 Eph 1:13, 4:30

5 2 Sam 7:16; Ps 89:36, 110:4; Mt 28:18, 20; Lk 1:32

6 Ps 46:5; Mt 16:18

7 Is 1:9; 1 Pt 3:20; Rev 11:7

8 1 Kings 19:18; Rom 11:4

9 Mt 23:8; Jn 4:21-23; Rom 10:12-13

10 Ps 119:63; Acts 4:32; Eph 4:4

Belgic Confession, 1561

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Psalm 27:4-6

⁴ One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the Lord
And to meditate in His temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;
In the secret place of His tent He will hide me;
He will lift me up on a rock.

⁶ And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me,
And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

Congregational Hymn—Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is
Your dwelling place
Oh Lord Almighty
My soul longs
and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath
the shadow of Your wings

To see Your beauty
To find You in
the place Your glory dwells

[Refrain]

Better is one day in Your courts
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Than thousands elsewhere

[Refrain]

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[Bridge]

My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the Living God
Your Spirit's water for my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You

Verse 2

One thing I ask, and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in
the place Your glory dwells
One thing I ask, and I would seek

[Refrain]

Matt Redman

New Testament Scripture Reading—Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

CONT'D

²¹ and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God,
²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having
our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed
with pure water.
²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He
who promised is faithful;
²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good
deeds,
²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some,
but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing
near.

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—

“The Most Beautiful Place on Earth”

Psalm 84

Todd Friel

Song of Response—The Church's One Foundation

Verse 1

The church's one foundation,
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is His new creation,
by water and the word.

From heav'n He came
and sought her
to be His holy bride;
with His own blood
He bought her,
and for her life He died.

Verse 2

Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food;
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

Verse 3

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Samuel J. Stone

Commission

Benediction—Romans 15:5-6

⁵ Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON NOTES

On a scale of one to ten, how excited are you about coming to church each week?

List the **TWELVE** reasons Psalm 84 provides that prove the temple and church are the most beautiful places on earth.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

Has your excitement score changed upon hearing these twelve truths?

What are the two things you can do to increase your love for the local church?

- 1.
- 2.

If you are not a member of a Bible teaching local church, what is stopping you?

**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.**

ONLINE GIVING LINK:



LEADERSHIP

Todd Friel, Pastor/Elder

Bob Bishop, Deacon

Jason Allen, Pastor/Elder

John Butman, Deacon

Todd Armistead, Elder

Brooks Clark, Deacon

Steve Howerton, Deacon

Gil Snowden, 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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complete a guest card.



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