



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

January 11th, 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, *What to Make of “Mental Health”*. 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

Our song of response this morning will be Isaac Watts', "How Sweet and Awful Is the Place". The third verse reveals a question from the hymn writer, "Why was I made to hear Thy voice, And enter while there's room, When thousands make a wretched choice, And rather starve than come?" The title of this hymn perfectly encapsulates the response of the Christian when considering our salvation. We are to be filled with awe when we think about the sovereign call of the Lord on our lives. What a gift from Him that we were made to hear His voice. Let us worship Him in light of this!

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 65:4

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

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

Congregational Hymn—Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Verse 1

Sing praise to God
who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of pow'r,
the God of love,
The God of our salvation.
With healing balm
my soul He fills,
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!

Verse 2

What God's almighty pow'r
hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth.
By morning glow
or evening shade

His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of His might,
Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

Verse 3

The Lord is never far away,
But, thru all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads His own,
His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Johann J. Schutz

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

Father,

We confess that we have allowed this world to shape us even though we are Your sons and daughters. You chose us by Your foreknowledge, set Your love on us before we ever sought You, and called us to belong to You — yet we have lived as though we belonged here.

We repent of forgetting who we are. Though we were chosen to be set apart, we have blended in too easily.

We have lived as though election were a doctrine to affirm rather than a calling to live differently. We have forgotten that being chosen means we no longer belong to ourselves or to this world.

Let the truth of Your sovereign choice humble us, steady us, and separate us from the spirit of this age. May we live as children who know they are loved, secure, and called— not needing the world's approval because we already have Yours.

In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—1 Thessalonians 5:9–10

For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

Congregational Hymn—My Savior’s Love

Verse 1

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus, the Nazarene,
And wonder how
He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

[Refrain]

How marvelous!
How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful
Is my Savior’s love for me!

Verse 4

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone.

[Refrain]

How marvelous!
How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful
Is my Savior’s love for me!

Charles H. Gabriel

Confession of Faith

Chapter 3: Of God’s Decree

Those of mankind that are predestinated to life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen in Christ unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love,¹¹ without any other thing in the creature as a condition or cause moving Him thereunto.¹²

11 Eph. 1:4, 9, 11; Rom. 8:30; 2 Tim. 1:9; I Thess. 5:9

12 Rom. 9:13,16; Eph. 2:5,12

London Baptist Confession, 1689

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

⁷ “The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

⁸ but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Congregational Hymn—My Lord, I Did Not Choose You

Verse 1

My Lord, I did not choose You,
For that could never be;
My heart would still refuse You,
Had You not chosen me.
You took the sin that stained me,
You cleansed me made me new;
Of old You have ordained me,
That I should live in You.

Verse 2

Unless Your grace had called me
And taught my op’ning mind,
The world would have
enthralled me,
To heav’lly glories blind.
My heart knows none above You;
For Your rich grace I thirst.
I know that if I love You,
You must have loved me first.

Joseph Conder

New Testament Scripture Reading—Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love
⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace
⁸ which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight
⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him
¹⁰ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him
¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,
¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.
¹³ 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,
¹⁴ 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.

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—

“You Are His” 1 Peter 1:2

Todd Friel

Song of Response—How Sweet and Awful Is the Place

Verse 3

“Why was I made
to hear Thy voice
And enter while there’s room
When thousands
make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come?”

Verse 4

”Twas the same love
that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still
refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

Isaac Watts

Commission

Benediction—2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ 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

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Prayer of Confession - Anonymous

SERMON NOTES

List the five undergirding truths wrought from your Trinitarian salvation:

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

Can you think of three situations in your life that these truths might help you to respond to with courage, comfort, and even joy?

1)

2)

3)

Do you struggle with knowing that You Are His?

Would you commit time this week to discovering why, and how you might overcome those obstacles so you can enjoy the truth that You Are His?

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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