



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

April 19th, 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

- **We'd love to have you join us for Sunday School. Weekly @ 9 AM**
- **This Thursday @ “3:15-Equipped”:** *Why Genesis Matters More Than You Think.* 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

What is the point of earthly governments? How are we to live in light of the rule and decrees of our leaders? Are there limitations to their power and how does it all mesh with the kingdom of God? How can we live godly lives in relation to the leadership of our communities, state, and nation? Let's prepare to see how God uses earthly governments for His glory!

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 99:1-5

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble;
He is enthroned *above* the cherubim, let the earth shake!

**All: The Lord is great in Zion,
And He is exalted above all the peoples.**

Leader: Let them praise Your great and awesome name;
Holy is He.

**All: The strength of the King loves justice;
You have established equity;**

Leader: You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Exalt the Lord our God And worship at His footstool;

All: Holy is He.

Congregational Hymn—He Is Exalted; We Will Glorify

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
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Verse 1
We will glorify the King of kings;
We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I AM.

Verse 3
He is Lord of heaven,
Lord of earth;
He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe;
All praise to Him we give.

Verse 4
Hallelujah to the King of kings;
Hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I AM.

Twila Paris

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

Almighty and merciful God, we acknowledge that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have failed to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have acted in rebellion against Your holy will, and cleanse us by the blood of Christ.

We particularly acknowledge our attitude and words toward those You have sovereignly placed over us to rule our land. We have slandered Your ordained authorities, murmured against laws and rulers, and grumbled instead of giving honor. We have ignored the instruction of Your Word, failing to submit in matters that are not sinful, and we have allowed rebellion or passive disobedience to take root in our hearts. We acknowledge that we have not consistently prayed for kings and authorities.

Have mercy on us, Lord. Purify our hearts from pride, contempt, and hypocrisy. Teach us to honor and obey those in authority as ministers of Your justice, and to pray for them faithfully. Grant us humility to acknowledge Your sovereignty over all earthly governments, patience in every circumstance, and a steadfastness to follow Your Word in all things.

Through Jesus Christ, who is Lord over all rulers and authorities. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Congregational Hymn—There Is a Redeemer

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer-
Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One.

Verse 2

Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

[Refrain]

Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.

[Refrain]

Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.

Melody Green

Confession of Faith

Chapter 24: Of the Civil Magistrate

God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, has ordained civil magistrates to be under Him, over the people, for His own glory and the public good; and to this end has armed them with the power of the sword, for defence and encouragement of them that do good, and for the punishment of evil doers.¹

Civil magistrates being set up by God for the ends aforesaid; subjection, in all lawful things commanded by them, ought to be yielded by us in the Lord, not only for wrath, but for conscience' sake;⁴ and we ought to make supplications and prayers for kings and all that are in authority, that under them we may live a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.⁵

¹ Rom. 13:1–4; ⁴ Rom. 13:5–7; 1 Pet. 2:17; ⁵ 1 Tim. 2:1–2

London Baptist Confession of Faith, 1689

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40:21-26

21 Do you not know? Have you not heard?
Has it not been declared to you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth,
And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,
Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain
And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

23 He it is who reduces rulers to nothing,
Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.

24 Scarcely have they been planted,
Scarcely have they been sown,
Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth,
But He merely blows on them, and they wither,
And the storm carries them away like stubble.

25 “To whom then will you liken Me
That I would be his equal?” says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high
And see who has created these stars,
The One who leads forth their host by number,
He calls them all by name;
Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power,
Not one of them is missing.

Congregational Hymn—All Authority and Power

Verse 1

All authority and power,
Ev'ry status and domain,
Now belongs
to one who suffered
Our redemption to obtain;
Angels, demons, kings and rulers,
Over all shall Jesus reign!

Verse 2

All the nations owe Him worship,
Ev'ry tongue shall call Him Lord;
How are men to call upon Him
If His name they have not heard?

Therefore go and make disciples,
Preach His gospel,
spread His Word.

Verse 4

All the time He will be with us,
Always, to the end of days;
With His own believing people
Who keep steadfast in His ways;
God the Father, Son, and Spirit,
Bless us, and to Him the praise!

New Testament Scripture Reading—John 19:8-11a

⁸ Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid;
⁹ and he entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.

¹⁰ So Pilate said to Him, “You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?”

¹¹ Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above;”

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

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Preaching of the Word—

“Your Relationship with the Government”

1 Peter 2:13-17

Todd Friel

Song of Response—Doxology

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him,
all creatures here below;

Praise Him above,
ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Thomas Ken

Commission

Benediction—Romans 16:25-27

²⁵ Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,
²⁶ but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith;
²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever.
Amen.

SERMON NOTES

I. How does God order the world? Realms of _____.

II. What are three reasons we are to submit to government?

III. May the Church resist, rebel, or revolt against the government?

IV. May the Church ever refuse to obey the government? When?

Question: How might the knowledge that God is sovereignly pulling the strings of every government keep you from being angry or disgusted with national and international government officials?

**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

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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