



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

October 4, 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.

#1 We endeavor to make our services coherent. As we offer each regulated element of worship, you will notice each element is about ONE subject.

#2 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.

#3 It is our desire that you will leave our worship service not just knowing more, but loving the true and living God more.

#4 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

****We love having children in the service!****

If your little one gets a little fussy, please feel free to use the “Cry Room” or one of the common areas outside the worship center for the benefit of those around you. Once they’ve settled down, you’re welcome to rejoin us.

- **Send a little encouragement to our college students**

See Jennifer Armistead for details.

- **Serve our Young Faithful Household families**

Our Young Faithful Household families will meet again on Sunday, October 18th. We want to provide childcare for them for one hour. Please see Joanie to sign up so we can bless these families!

- **Your Children’s Ministry Needs You**

Interested in serving or learning more?

Contact joanie@alpharettabiblechurch.org

IN PREPARATION

Psalm 119:89

Forever, O Lord,
Your word is settled in heaven.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 119:97-100

Leader: O how I love Your law!
It is my meditation all the day.

**All: Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies,
For they are ever mine.**

Leader: I have more insight than all my teachers,
For Your testimonies are my meditation.

**All: I understand more than the aged,
Because I have observed Your precepts.**

Congregational Hymn—Oh, What High and Holy Privilege

Verse 1

Oh, what high and holy priv'lege,
once again to gather here
in the name of our Lord Jesus
as we see His Day draw near.
May we join in joyful rev'rence
with thanksgiving, faith, and love
as He welcomes in His people
to the throne of grace above.

Verse 2

Oh, what high and holy priv'lege,
voices raised in prayer and praise
boldly bringing great petitions,
gladly singing hymns of faith.
May His grace at work among us
cleanse and heal us from our sin,

that our prayers
may not be hindered,
and our praises honor Him.

Verse 3

Oh, what high and holy priv'lege,
hearing from the word of God:
heaven speaks in perfect wisdom;
earth responds and stands in awe.
Do our hearts not burn within us
as we see God's promises
find their final yes in Jesus,
leading us to righteousness!

Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,
Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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

Father in heaven,

We come before You acknowledging that we are sinners and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You as You deserve, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have been selfish when we should have been selfless, proud when we should have been humble, impatient when we should have been patient, and anxious when we should have trusted You.

CONT'D

We confess that even in our knowledge of Your Word, we do not always live according to it. We know that You are faithful, yet we have doubted. We know that Your promises are sure, yet we have worried. We know that Your Word is true, yet we have sometimes trusted our feelings, our circumstances, or our own understanding more than what You have said.

Forgive us, Father. Cleanse us from our sins and turn our hearts again toward You. Give us genuine repentance, renewed faith, greater hatred for sin, and greater love for righteousness. Teach us to believe Your Word, to rest upon Your promises, to submit to Your commands, and to trust You even when we cannot see what You are doing.

Thank You that our forgiveness does not rest upon the strength of our repentance or the perfection of our faith, but upon Jesus Christ, who lived the righteous life we have failed to live and died the death that our sins deserved.

We petition You in the name of Your beloved Son, the incarnate Word, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—1 John 5:11–13

¹¹ And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Congregational Hymn—I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Verse 1

I will glory in my Redeemer,
whose priceless blood
has ransomed me;
mine was the sin
that drove the bitter nails
and hung Him
on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
who crushed the pow'r
of sin and death;
my only Savior
before the holy Judge:
the Lamb who is
my righteousness,
the Lamb who is
my righteousness.

Verse 2

I will glory in my Redeemer;
my life He bought,
my love He owns.
I have no longings for another;
I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer,

His faithfulness
my standing place.
Though foes are mighty
and rush upon me,
my feet are firm,
held by His grace,
my feet are firm,
held by His grace.

Verse 3

I will glory in my Redeemer,
who carries me on eagles' wings;
He crowns my life
with lovingkindness,
His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
who waits for me
at gates of gold.
And when He calls me,
it will be paradise:
His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

Steve Cook, Vikki Cook

Confession of Faith

Chapter 1: Of the Holy Scriptures

The Holy Scripture is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience,¹ although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet they are not sufficient to give that knowledge of God and His will which is necessary unto salvation.²

CONT'D

Therefore it pleased the Lord at sundry times and in diversified manners to reveal Himself, and to declare His will unto His church;³ and afterward for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan, and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which makes the Holy Scriptures to be most necessary, those former ways of God's revealing His will unto His people being now completed.⁴

1 2 Tim. 3:15–17; Is. 8:20; Luke 16:29, 31;
Eph. 2:20
2 Rom. 1:19–21, 2:14–15; Psalm 19:1–3

3 Heb. 1:1
4 Prov. 22:19–21; Rom. 15:4; 2 Pet. 1:19–20

London Baptist Confession, 1689

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 55:6-11

⁶ Seek the Lord while He may be found;
Call upon Him while He is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
And let him return to the Lord,
And He will have compassion on him,
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.

⁸ “For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.

⁹ “For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
And do not return there without watering the earth
And making it bear and sprout,
And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

¹¹ So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth;
It will not return to Me empty,
Without accomplishing what I desire,
And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

Congregational Hymn—Your Words Are Wonderful

Verse 1

Your words are wonderful,
unfolding like the dawn
A wellspring
and the rock we rest upon
We trust Your promises
that keep our hope alive
They steady us throughout
life's weary climb

[Chorus]

Where else can we go?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of life,
the words of life

Verse 2

Come write Your holy truth
upon our longing hearts
And strengthen us
to shine against the dark
Lord, guard us from the lies
the enemy will speak
No guilt remains for those
You have redeemed

[Chorus 2]

Where else can we go?

Where else can we go?
You have the words of life,
the words of life
Make Your glory known,
make Your glory known
Through all Your words of life,
Your words of life

[Bridge]

Give us ears to hear
and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt
and unbelief
Give us ears to hear
and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt
and unbelief
Give us ears to hear
and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt
and unbelief

[Chorus 2]

Through all Your words of life,
Your words of life

Ben Shive, David Zimmer, Nathan Stiff

New Testament Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:17-19

¹⁷ “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

¹⁸ For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

CONT'D

¹⁹ Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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—

“A More Sure Word” 2 Peter 1:16-21

Todd Friel

Song of Response—How Firm a Foundation

Verse 1

How firm a foundation,
ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His
excellent word!

What more can He say
than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge
to Jesus have fled?

Rippon's Selection, 1787

Commission

Benediction—Colossians 3:16-17

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

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

Musicians: Piano — Patsy Butman; Song Leaders — Jennifer Snowden,

Lindsay White, Lauren Glosson, Eunice Montecillo, Alex McCurley

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Prayer of Confession - Anonymous

SERMON NOTES

Why does Peter feel the need to discuss the reliability of the Bible?

Why did Peter choose the miracle of the transfiguration to make his case?

List all the reasons the Bible is a more sure word than signs and wonders.

Why is the second coming a certainty?

List all of the ways the Bible proves itself to be inspired.

What is the single best proof the Bible is divinely inspired?

**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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