



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

August 24th, 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

- **Fortis Institute In-Studio Recording, Saturday, August 30th @ 8:30 AM - Dr. John Crotts will present “The Spirit-Filled Life: Power, Love, and Transformation”. Register for this free event at www.fortisinstitute.org/HolySpirit**
- **Don’t miss our Bible study opportunities. Sundays @ 9 a.m. and Thursdays @ 7 p.m. (Ladies study resumes 9/4).**
- **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

There are two classifications for God's revelation to mankind. "General Revelation" refers to what can generally be known about God through His creation. This type of revelation tells us there is a Creator. "Special Revelation" refers to God's specific communication to mankind as contained in the Bible. This type of revelation tells us who the Creator is and what He expects of us. Through both nature and His Word, God has made Himself known. We will spend our time in worship today looking at God's self-revelation with the goal of understanding the importance and value of how God has made Himself known.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 119:1-16

Leader: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

All: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

Leader: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules. I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me! How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

All: With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!

Leader: With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

All: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Congregational Hymn—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 hath said,
To you who for refuge
to Jesus have fled?

Verse 3

When through fiery trials
thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient,
shall be thy supply;

The flame shall not hurt thee;
I only design
Thy dross to consume,
and thy gold to refine.

Verse 4

The soul that on Jesus
hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not
desert to his foes;
That soul, thou all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never,
no never forsake!

John Rippon

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 God and heavenly Father, we poor, miserable sinners confess that from our childhood until this very hour we have sinned against Your commandments by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which we cannot count, and first of all by vast unbelief.

Therefore, we are not worthy to be called Your children, nor lift our eyes up to heaven.

O God and Father, we wish that we had never provoked You to anger. In Your mercy and for the sake of Your glory, we ask You to receive us into Your grace by the forgiveness of our sins through the precious blood of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. In His name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—Romans 5:1–2

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

Congregational Hymn—Wonderful Words of Life

Verse 1

Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of Life;
Let me more of their beauty see,
Wonderful words of Life.
Words of life and beauty,
Teach me faith and duty.

[Refrain]

Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
Wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
Wonderful words of Life.

Verse 2

Christ, the blessed One,
gives to all

Wonderful words of Life;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of Life.
All so freely given,
Wooing us to heaven-

[Refrain]

Verse 3

Sweetly echo the gospel call,
Wonderful words of Life;
Offer pardon and peace to all,
Wonderful words of Life.
Jesus, only Savior,
Sanctify forever.

[Refrain]

Phillip P. Bliss

Confession of Faith

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 Therefore it pleased the Lord at sundry times and in diversified manners to reveal Himself, and to declare (that) 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—Psalm 119:17–24

¹⁷ Deal bountifully with
Your servant,
That I may live and keep
Your word.

¹⁸ Open my eyes,
that I may behold
Wonderful things from Your law.

¹⁹ I am a stranger in the earth;
Do not hide Your
commandments from me.

²⁰ My soul is crushed with longing
After Your ordinances at all times.

²¹ You rebuke the
arrogant, the cursed,

Who wander from Your
commandments.

²² Take away reproach and
contempt from me,
For I observe Your testimonies.

²³ Even though princes
sit and talk against me,
Your servant meditates on Your
statutes.

²⁴ Your testimonies also are
my delight;
They are my counselors.

Congregational Hymn—Thy Word

[Chorus]

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid,
think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
as long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Verse 2

I will not forget,
Your love for me
And yet, my heart
forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide,
hold me to Your side
And I will love You to the end

[Chorus]

And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path

[Chorus]

Amy Grant

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 1:18-23

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Prayer: Prepare Our Hearts

Congregational Song of Preparation—Ancient Words

Verse 1

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound
with God's own heart;
Oh, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope;
In this world, where e'er we roam

Ancient words will guide us
home.

[Chorus]

Ancient words, ever true
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts'
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Lynn DeShazo

Preaching of the Word—

“The God Who Makes Himself Known” Psalm 19

Mike Sandfrey

Song of Response—He is Exalted

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
And 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
He is exalted the King is
exalted on high

Twila Paris

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/Mike Sandfrey; 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.

Men's 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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