



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

October 18, 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.

****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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Member Meeting today!**

Members of ABC, please stay after the service for a brief meeting.

- **“Stand Fast” gathering today**

Our seasoned saints will gather for fellowship and lunch after our business meeting.

- **Young Faithful Households**

Our Young Faithful Household families are meeting tonight, 5-7 p.m. @ the Pridemores.

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

Interested in serving or learning more? Contact
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IN PREPARATION

Psalm 99:9

Exalt the Lord our God
And worship at His holy hill,
For holy is the Lord our God.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 103:1-5

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget none of His benefits;**

Leader: Who pardons all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases;

**All: Who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;**

Leader: Who satisfies your years with good things,

All: *So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle.

Congregational Hymn—10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Verse 1

The sun comes up,
it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass,
and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing
when the evening comes.

[Chorus]

Bless the Lord,
O my soul, O my soul,
worship His holy name;
sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 2

You're rich in love
and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great,
and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing:
ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find.

[Chorus]

Verse 3

And on that day
when my strength is failing,
the end draws near,
and my time has come;
still my soul will sing
Your praise unending,
ten thousand years,
and then forevermore!

[Chorus]

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

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

Holy and Righteous Father,

We come before You acknowledging that You are holy, holy, holy.
You are pure in all Your ways, perfect in all Your works, righteous in
all Your judgments, and unchanging in Your truth. There is none like
You. You alone are God, and You alone are worthy of our worship,
reverence, obedience, and praise.

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We confess that we have too often lived as though Your holiness were a distant doctrine rather than the glorious reality that should govern our lives. We have approached You without the reverence You deserve, treated sin too lightly, and grown comfortable with attitudes and behaviors that grieve You. We have been more concerned with the opinions of people than with Your righteous commands. We have excused our sins, minimized our failures, and forgotten that every thought, word, and deed is known to You. For this, we repent.

Forgive us for failing to let the reality of Your holiness expose our sin, deepen our reverence, strengthen our obedience, and increase our longing for righteousness. Forgive us for failing to let the certainty of Christ's return shape our priorities, govern our conduct, and stir us to proclaim the gospel faithfully.

Thank You that there is forgiveness through the blood of Christ and that there is no condemnation for those who are in Him.

By Your Spirit, renew our minds through Your Word. Teach us to regard You as holy, to hate what You hate, to love what You love, and to pursue holiness in the fear of God. Keep us from presumption, spiritual indifference, and complacency. Make us watchful, faithful, self-controlled, and diligent in the work You have given us. Help us to live each day in the light of eternity, remembering that our Lord will return and that every person will stand before Your judgment seat.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our righteous Savior and coming Judge.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—1 Thessalonians 1:9–10

⁹ For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

Congregational Hymn—His Mercy Is More

Verse 1

What love could remember
no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing,
He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore.
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more.

[Chorus]

Praise the Lord,
His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness,
new ev'ry morn;
our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more.

Verse 2

What patience would wait
as we constantly roam?

What Father so tender
is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more.

[Chorus]

Verse 3

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more.

[Chorus]

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

Confession of Faith

Chapter 2: Of God and the Holy Trinity

The Lord our God is but one only living and true God;¹ whose subsistence is in and of Himself,² infinite in being and perfection; whose essence cannot be comprehended by any but Himself;³ a most pure spirit,⁴ invisible, without body, parts, or passions, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto;⁵ who is immutable,⁶ immense,⁷ eternal,⁸ incomprehensible, almighty,⁹

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every way infinite, most holy,¹⁰ most wise, most free, most absolute; working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most righteous will,¹¹ for His own glory;¹² most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him,¹³ and withal most just and terrible in His judgments,¹⁴ hating all sin,¹⁵ and who will by no means clear the guilty.¹⁶

1 1 Cor. 8:4,6; Deut. 6:4

2 Jer. 10:10; Isa. 48:12

3 Exod. 3:14

4 John 4:24

5 1 Tim. 1:17; Deut. 4:15–16

6 Mal. 3:6

7 1 Kings 8:27; Jer. 23:23

8 Ps. 90:2

9 Gen. 17:1

10 Isa. 6:3

11 Ps. 115:3; Isa. 46:10

12 Prov. 16:4; Rom. 11:36

13 Exod. 34:6–7; Heb. 11:6

14 Neh. 9:32–33

15 Ps. 5:5–6

16 Exod. 34:7; Nahum 1:2–3

London Baptist Confession, 1689

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 5:20-24

²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;
Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;
Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

²¹ Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes
And clever in their own sight!

²² Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine
And valiant men in mixing strong drink,

²³ Who justify the wicked for a bribe,
And take away the rights of the ones who are in the right!

²⁴ Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes stubble
And dry grass collapses into the flame,
So their root will become like rot and their blossom blow away as dust;

For they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts
And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

Congregational Hymn—Only a Holy God

Verse 1

Who else commands
all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make
ev'ry king bow down?
Who else can whisper
and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God.

Verse 2

What other beauty
demands such praises?
What other splendor
outshines the sun?
What other majesty
rules with justice?
Only a holy God.

[Chorus]

Come and behold Him,
the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
forever a holy God;
come and worship the holy God.

Verse 3

What other glory
consumes like fire?
What other power
can raise the dead?
What other name
remains undefeated?
Only a holy God.

[Chorus]

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me
from my failing?
Who else would offer
His only Son?
Who else invites me
to call Him Father?
Only a holy God.

[Chorus]

Dustin Smith, Jonny Robinson, Michael
Farren, Rich Thompson

New Testament Scripture Reading—Revelation 4:1-8

¹ After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.”

² Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

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³ And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

⁵ Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

⁶ and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.

⁷ The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.

⁸ And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

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 Holy Wrath of God” 2 Peter 2:4-10

Todd Friel

Song of Response—Holy, Holy, Holy

Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy!
all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden
crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim,
falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and
evermore shalt be.

Verse 4

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works
shall praise Thy name,
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity!

Reginald Héber

Commission

Benediction—1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

Assisting in Worship: Preaching — Pastor Todd Friel; Service Leader — Pastor Jason Allen;
Musicians: Piano — Patsy Butman; Guitar — Jack Ward; Song Leaders — Jennifer Snowden,
Lindsay White, Lauren Glosson, Eunice Montecillo, Alex McCurley

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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.**

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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