



*Alpharetta*

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

May 24th, 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 a.m.**

#### **Announcements**

- **Please join us today for a special “Pot Providence” following our church service. We will recognize and celebrate what the Lord has done in the lives of our graduates!**
- **Fellowship and Care Group gatherings are encouraged throughout the Summer.**
- **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

None of us are without fear. The question is, what exactly do you fear? Please take a few moments before the service begins to contemplate what currently concerns you about the future. Then, as you listen to the sermon, ask yourself, “How can these truths about my Savior calm my fears?”

### Prelude

**Special Music—In Christ Alone [Carl Montecillo]**

### Call to Worship—Psalm 118:5-7

Leader: From *my* distress I called upon the Lord;

**All: The Lord answered me *and set me in a large place.***

Leader: The Lord is for me; I will not fear;

**All: What can man do to me?**

Leader: The Lord is for me among those who help me;

**All: Therefore I will look *with satisfaction* on those who hate me.**

## Congregational Hymn—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

### Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

### Verse 3

And though this world,  
with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear,  
for God has willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,

We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

### Verse 4

That word above  
all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him  
who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

Martin Luther

## 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,

You are the Creator of all things, the One who rules and sustains the universe by Your wisdom and power. Nothing escapes Your will, and nothing occurs apart from Your providence, and yet, we have feared the future more than we have trusted Your providence. We have been anxious about what is to come, as though You were unaware of what the future holds. We have allowed uncertainty to trouble our hearts, instead of resting in Your unchanging character.

Forgive us for doubting Your care. You have promised that You will never leave nor forsake Your people, yet we have lived as though we were alone. You have declared that all things work together for good for those who love You, yet we have questioned Your goodness in our trials. You have taught us not to fear man or circumstance, yet we have often been ruled by fear rather than faith.

Cleanse us through the blood of Jesus Christ, who perfectly trusted You in every moment, who submitted Himself to Your will even unto death, and who now intercedes for us at Your right hand. Teach us to entrust the future into Your hands without reservation. Make us people who walk by faith and not by sight, who rest in Your providence, and who fear You above all else.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrected and conquering Lord. Amen.

## **Assurance of Forgiveness—John 14:27**

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

## Congregational Hymn—Thy Mercy, My God

### Verse 1

Thy mercy, my God,  
is the theme of my song,  
the joy of my heart,  
and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone,  
from the first to the last,  
has won my affections  
and bound my soul fast.

### Verse 2

Without Thy sweet mercy  
I could not live here,  
for sin would reduce me  
to utter despair;

but through Thy free goodness,  
my spirits revive,  
and He that first made me  
still keeps me alive.

### Verse 4

Great Father of mercies,  
Thy goodness I own,  
the covenant love of  
Thy crucified Son;  
all praise to the Spirit,  
whose whisper divine  
seals mercy, and pardon,  
and righteousness mine!

John Stocker

## Confession of Faith

### Article 13 - Divine Providence

We believe that this good God, after He had created all things, did not forsake them, or give them up to fortune or chance, but that He rules and governs them according to His holy will, so that nothing happens in this world without His appointment; nevertheless, God is neither the author of, nor can be charged with, the sins which are committed. For His power and goodness are so great and incomprehensible that He orders and executes His work in the most excellent and just manner, even when devils and wicked men act unjustly.

This doctrine affords us unspeakable consolation; since we are taught thereby that nothing can befall us by chance, but by the direction of our most gracious and heavenly Father, who watches over us with a paternal care, keeping all creatures so under His power that not a hair of our head (for they are all numbered) can fall to the ground without His will, in whom we entirely trust, being persuaded that He so restrains the devil and all our enemies that without His will and permission they cannot hurt us.

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## Pastoral Prayer

### Old Testament Scripture Reading—Daniel 3:19-30

<sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and his facial expression was altered toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. He answered by giving orders to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

<sup>20</sup> He commanded certain valiant warriors who were in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego in order to cast them into the furnace of blazing fire.

<sup>21</sup> Then these men were tied up in their trousers, their coats, their caps and their other clothes, and were cast into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire.

<sup>22</sup> For this reason, because the king's command was urgent and the furnace had been made extremely hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who carried up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego.

<sup>23</sup> But these three men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, fell into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire still tied up.

<sup>24</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he said to his high officials, "Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?" They replied to the king, "Certainly, O king."

<sup>25</sup> He said, "Look! I see four men loosed and walking about in the midst of the fire without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods!"

<sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the furnace of blazing fire; he responded and said, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, come out, you servants of the Most High God, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego came out of the midst of the fire.

<sup>27</sup> The satraps, the prefects, the governors and the king's high officials gathered around and saw in regard to these men that the fire had no effect on the bodies of these men nor was the hair of their head singed, nor were their trousers damaged, nor had the smell of fire even come upon them.

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<sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him, violating the king’s command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God.

<sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses reduced to a rubbish heap, inasmuch as there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.”

<sup>30</sup> Then the king caused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to prosper in the province of Babylon.

### **Congregational Hymn—How Firm a Foundation**

#### Verse 2

Fear not, I am with thee,  
Oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God—  
I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,  
and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by My righteous,  
omnipotent hand.

#### Verse 3

When through the deep waters  
I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe  
shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee,  
thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee  
thy deepest distress.

#### Verse 4

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 5

The soul that on Jesus  
hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not  
desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell  
should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never,  
no, never forsake.

## **New Testament Scripture Reading—Revelation 2:8-11**

<sup>8</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this:

<sup>9</sup> “I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

<sup>10</sup> Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

<sup>11</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.”

### **Prayer: Prepare Our Hearts**

### **Congregational Song of Preparation—Speak O Lord**

Verse 3

Speak O Lord,  
and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights  
of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged  
from the dawn of time,  
that will echo down  
through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand  
on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk  
as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord,  
till Your church is built,  
and the earth is filled  
with Your glory.

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

### **Preaching of the Word—**

**“Your Fears”  
1 Peter 3:13-22**

Todd Friel

## Song of Response—In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone  
my hope is found;  
He is my light,  
my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone,  
this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm.

What heights of love,  
what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease;  
My Comforter, my All in All;  
Here in the love of Christ  
I stand.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## Commission

### Benediction—Psalm 121:5-8

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper;  
The Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
<sup>6</sup> The sun will not smite you by day,  
Nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord will protect you from all evil;  
He will keep your soul.  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in  
From this time forth and forever.

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

List the 7 motivations that Peter offers to help us overcome our fears and suffer well.

You are \_\_\_\_\_ when you suffer for righteousness. (v. 14)

Not fearing and suffering well keeps a good \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 16)

Your enemies will be put to \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 16)

Suffering is God's \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 17)

We are being like \_\_\_\_\_ when we suffer for doing right (v. 18)

Our \_\_\_\_\_ participates in His salvific work: (v. 18)

We should not fear because of who \_\_\_\_\_ is. (vss. 18-22)

List the 5 actions of Jesus that give us every reason in the world to trust Him and fear no man.

He was put to \_\_\_\_\_ and made \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 18)

He heralded \_\_\_\_\_ to those who were in prison. (vss. 19-20)

Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ saves us. (v. 21)

Jesus is at the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of God. (v. 22)

All things are \_\_\_\_\_ to Him. (v. 22)

When you have fear this week, which of the five actions of Jesus could help you overcome your fear?

What would that look like to apply these truths to your fears?

How can you remember to do that?

**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**

Fellowship at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

**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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