



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

April 27th, 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

- **We are looking for more voices!** If you are interested in joining our praise team, email jason@alpharettabiblechurch.org or see him after service to learn more. This does not require a weekly commitment.
- **Don't miss our Bible study opportunities.** Sundays @ 9 a.m. and Thursdays @ 7 p.m.
- **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

Today's confession of faith will focus on question #86 from the Heidelberg Catechism. The question revolves around the issue of good works. Why do we do good works? How you answer that question will either put you in agreement with Christianity or every other world religion known to man. Why we do good works gets at the heart of the gospel. We either do them as a result of being saved or we do them in hopes of being saved. Why do you do good works?

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 100:1-5

Leader: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;

**All: Come before Him with joyful singing.
Know that the Lord Himself is God;**

Leader: It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

**All: Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him, bless His name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good;
His lovingkindness is everlasting

All: And His faithfulness to all generations.

Congregational Hymn—All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Verse 1

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord
with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear,
His praise forth-tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Verse 2

The Lord, you know,
is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock,
He doth us feed,
And for His sheep
He doth us take.

Verse 3

O enter then His gates
with praise;
Approach with joy
His courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless
His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

Verse 4

For why?
The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times
firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

William Kethe and Thomas Ken

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

Eternal and Almighty Father, we confess that we may approach You with our mouths and our lips, when our hearts are not in worship. We confess that we offer to You that which costs us little. Though You are a great King, we often bring to You the leftovers of our time, energy, gifts, and worship. We have neglected Your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored Your laws when it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father, have mercy on us! Forgive us of our many debts! Cleanse us and give us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. In His name, and for His sake, we come to You. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—Isaiah 43:25

²⁵ “I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.

Congregational Hymn—My Jesus, I Love Thee

Verse 1

My Jesus, I love Thee,
I know 'Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies
of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer,
my Savior art Thou:
If ever I loved Thee,
my Jesus 'tis now.

Verse 2

I love Thee because
Thou has first loved me
And purchased my pardon
on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing
the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee,
my Jesus, 'tis now.

William R. Featherston

Confession of Faith

Question #86

Leader: “Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ, without any merit of our own, why must we still do good works?”

All: "Because Christ, having redeemed us by His blood, also renews us by His Holy Spirit, so that our lives may show that we are thankful to God for His benefits, so that He may be glorified through us, and so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and by our godly living."

The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Psalm 1:1-6

¹How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

²But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.

³He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.

Congregational Hymn—I Gave My Life for Thee

Verse 1

I gave My life for thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be
And quickened from the dead.
I gave My life for thee;
What hast thou given for Me?

Verse 4

I suffered much for thee,
More than My tongue may tell,
Of bitterest agony,
To rescue thee from hell.
I suffered much for thee;
What canst thou bear for Me?

Verse 5

And I have brought to thee
Down from My home above
Salvation full and free,
My pardon and My love.
Great gifts I brought to thee;
What hast thou brought to Me?

Verse 6

Oh, let thy life be given,
Thy years for Me be spent,
World's fetters all be riven,
And joy with suffering blent!
I gave Myself for thee:
Give thou thyself to Me.

Frances R. Havergal

New Testament Scripture Reading—1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

¹⁰ for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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—

“The Single-Minded Christian”

Matthew 25:1-30

Todd Friel

Song of Response—All to Jesus, I Surrender

Verse 1

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Chorus

I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

Verse 4

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with
Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

Chorus

I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

Hugh S. Livingston Jr.

Commission

Benediction—1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in* vain
in the Lord.

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.

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

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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