



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

October 11, 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.

- **Member Meeting next Sunday, 10/18**

Attention, all members of Alpharetta Bible Church. Please plan to stay after service next Sunday for a brief business meeting.

- **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!

- **Stand Fast seasoned saints group gathering**

October 18th in the Fellowship Hall after service.

IN PREPARATION

Psalm 119:104

From Your precepts I get understanding;
Therefore I hate every false way.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 18:1-3

Leader: “I love You, O Lord, my strength.”

**All: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;**

Leader: My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**All: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
And I am saved from my enemies.**

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 pow'r are great,
and, armed with cruel hate;
on earth is not his equal.

Verse 2

Did we
in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man
on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He!
Lord Sabaoth His name,
from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

Verse 3

And tho' this world
with devils filled
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear,
for God hath 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 pow'rs,
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;
translated by Frederic H. Hedge

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

Our Most Holy God, we come before You knowing that nothing in us is hidden from Your sight. You know our motives, our desires, our words, and our deeds. You see the sins we readily acknowledge and those we are slow to recognize. We confess that we have not lived with the reverence, humility, gratitude, obedience, and love that You deserve. We have trusted ourselves too much, loved the world too much, and treasured Christ too little.

We confess that we have often been careless with the privileges You have given us. You have given us Your Word, yet we have sometimes neglected it. You have given us truth, yet we have not always pursued it with diligence. You have commanded us to be alert and discerning, yet we have allowed spiritual laziness to make us vulnerable to error. Forgive us for not being watchful against false teaching because we have not taken the time to know Your Word well. Give us disciplined minds, attentive hearts, and a deep love for the truth.

Forgive us for every sin we have committed in thought, word, and deed. Forgive our pride, our selfishness, our impatience, our unbelief, our anger, our envy, and our misplaced desires. Forgive us for the good we have failed to do and for the opportunities to know You that we have neglected.

We thank You that our hope is not in our own obedience but in Jesus Christ. Thank You that He has perfectly obeyed where we have failed, that He bore the judgment our sins deserved, and that in Him there is full and sufficient forgiveness.

Make us a people who love Your truth, search Your Scriptures, recognize error, resist deception, and cling to Christ. Keep us watchful, sober-minded, and faithful until the day He returns.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness— Hebrews 10:19–23

¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

Congregational Hymn—Before the Throne of God Above

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest
whose name is "Love,"
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
my name is written on His heart;
I know that while
in heav'n He stands,
no tongue can bid me
thence depart;
no tongue can bid me
thence depart.

Verse 3

Behold Him there,
the risen Lamb!
My perfect,
spotless Righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die;
my soul is purchased
by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior
and my God;
with Christ my Savior
and my God!

Charitie Lees Smith, Vikki Cook

Confession of Faith

Chapter 1: Of the Holy Scriptures

The supreme judge, by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Scripture delivered by the Spirit, into which Scripture so delivered, our faith is finally resolved.²¹

²¹ Matt. 22:29, 31, 32; Eph. 2:20; Acts 28:23

London Baptist Confession, 1689

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 23:25-32

²⁵ “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy falsely in My name, saying, ‘I had a dream, I had a dream!’

²⁶ How long? Is there anything in the hearts of the prophets who prophesy falsehood, even these prophets of the deception of their own heart,

²⁷ who intend to make My people forget My name by their dreams which they relate to one another, just as their fathers forgot My name because of Baal?

²⁸ The prophet who has a dream may relate his dream, but let him who has My word speak My word in truth. What does straw have in common with grain?” declares the Lord.

²⁹ “Is not My word like fire?” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer which shatters a rock?

³⁰ Therefore behold, I am against the prophets,” declares the Lord, “who steal My words from each other.

³¹ Behold, I am against the prophets,” declares the Lord, “who use their tongues and declare, ‘The Lord declares.’

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³² Behold, I am against those who have prophesied false dreams," declares the Lord, "and related them and led My people astray by their falsehoods and reckless boasting; yet I did not send them or command them, nor do they furnish this people the slightest benefit," declares the Lord.

Congregational Hymn—O Lord, Look Down From Heav'n, Behold

Verse 1

O LORD, look down
from heav'n, behold,
and let Your pity waken;
how few are we within Your fold,
Your saints by all forsaken.
True faith
seems quenched on ev'ry hand,
Your Word
is not allowed to stand;
dark times have us o'ertaken.

Verse 2

O God, root out all heresy,
and of false teachers rid us
who proudly say,
"Now where is He
who shall our speech forbid us?
By right or might we shall prevail,
what we determine cannot fail;
we want no lord and master!"

Verse 3

Therefore said God,
"I must arise,
the poor My help are needing;
to Me ascend My people's cries,
and I have heard their pleading.
For them My saving
Word shall fight
and fearlessly and sharply smite,
the poor with might defending."

Verse 4

Defend Your truth,
O God, and stay
this evil generation,
and from the error of its way
keep Your own congregation.
The wicked ev'rywhere abound
and would
Your little flock confound,
but You are our salvation!

Martin Luther

New Testament Scripture Reading—Jude 1-4, 16

¹ Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,
To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for
Jesus Christ:

² May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

³ Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our
common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that
you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed
down to the saints.

⁴ For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long
beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who
turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only
Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts;
they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an
advantage.

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—

“Merchants of Souls” 2 Peter 2:1-3

Todd Friel

Song of Response—Doxology

Verse 1

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him,
all creatures here below!

Praise Him
above, ye heav'nly host!
Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost!
Amen.

Thomas Ken

Commission

Benediction—Jude 24-25

²⁴ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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 “Judge not lest ye be judged” not mean we can never judge?

How are we to judge? With _____ judgment.

Where are false teachers located?

What are the four characteristics of a false teacher?

1.

2.

3.

4.

What are the six effects of false teachers?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

List the things you should do in response to false teaching that you have never considered doing before:

**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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