



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

July 20th, 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

- Our next ABC Informational Meeting will be Sunday, August 10th immediately following the worship service. *This meeting is for non-members who have questions about our church.*
- Join us for Sunday School! All ages - Sundays @ 9 a.m.
- Men's Midweek Study - 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

A.W. Tozer famously taught “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” What informs your view of our Triune God? This morning’s focus will be on seeing God the Son as He truly is. In dwelling upon the Christ Hymn of Colossians 1 we will be given a glimpse of our great King Jesus.

May our worship this morning direct us to a higher view and understanding of Christ. May that result in us loving Him more and being drawn to trust and serve Him in greater ways.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 97:1–6

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; Let the many islands be glad.

**All: Clouds and thick darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.
Fire goes before Him And burns up His adversaries round about.**

Leader: His lightnings lit up the world; The earth saw and trembled. The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

All: The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples have seen His glory.

Congregational Hymn—Immortal, Invisible

Verse 1
Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

Verse 2
Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.

Verse 4
Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render,
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
of light hideth Thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith

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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Work true repentance within us by your Holy Spirit, and strengthen us to walk in obedience to your holy Word and will, and grant us grace to grow more and more into the likeness of your blessed Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—1 Corinthians 15:3–4

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

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.

Vikki Cook and Charitie Lees Bancroft

Confession of Faith

Article 10: The Deity of Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ,
according to His divine nature,
is the only Son of God—
eternally begotten,
not made or created,
for then He would be a creature.
He is one in essence with the
Father; coeternal;
the exact image of the person of
the Father and the “reflection of
God’s glory,”¹³
being like the Father in all things.
Jesus Christ is the Son of God
not only from the time He
assumed our nature
but from all eternity,
as the following testimonies teach
us when they are taken together.
Moses says that God created the
world;¹⁴
and John says that all things were
created through the Word,¹⁵

which he calls God.
The apostle says that God created
the world through the Son.¹⁶
He also says that God created all
things through Jesus Christ.¹⁷
And so it must follow
that the one who is called God,
the Word, the Son, and Jesus
Christ already existed before
creating all things.
Therefore the prophet Micah says
that Christ’s origin is “from
ancient days.”¹⁸
And the apostle says
that the Son has “neither
beginning of days
nor end of life.”¹⁹
So then, He is the true eternal
God, the Almighty,
whom we invoke, worship, and
serve.

13Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3

14Gen. 1:1

15John 1:3

16Heb. 1:2

17Col. 1:16

18Mic. 5:2

19Heb. 7:3

The Belgic Confession, 1561

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40:9–18

⁹ Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news,
Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; Lift *it* up,
do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God will come with might, With His arm ruling for
Him. Behold, His reward is with Him And His recompense before Him.

¹¹ Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the
lambs And carry *them* in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing *ewes*.

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, And marked
off the heavens by the span, And calculated the dust of the earth by the
measure, And weighed the mountains in a balance And the hills in a pair
of scales?

¹³ Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, Or as His counselor has
informed Him?

¹⁴ With whom did He consult and *who* gave Him understanding? And
who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge And
informed Him of the way of understanding?

¹⁵ Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, And are regarded as
a speck of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine
dust.

¹⁶ Even Lebanon is not enough to burn, Nor its beasts enough for a
burnt offering.

¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before Him, They are regarded by Him
as less than nothing and meaningless.

¹⁸ To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare
with Him?

Congregational Hymn—Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Verse 1

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

Verses 2

No voice can sing,
no heart can frame,
Nor can the mem'ry find
A sweeter sound

than Jesus' name,
O Savior of man-kind!

Verse 4

But what to those who find?
Ah! This! No tongue
or pen can show
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but His loved ones know.

Latin Hymn, 12th Century

New Testament Scripture Reading—Hebrews 1:1–14

¹ God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. ⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say, “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”? And again, “I will be a Father to Him And He shall be a Son to Me”? ⁶ And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “And let all the angels of God worship Him.” ⁷ And of the angels He says, “Who makes His angels winds, And His ministers a flame of fire.” ⁸ But of the Son He says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom. ⁹ “You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness above Your companions.” ¹⁰ And, “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of Your hands; ¹¹ They will perish, but You remain; And they all will become old like a garment, ¹² And like a mantle You will roll them up; Like a garment they will also be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.” ¹³ But to which of the angels has He ever said, “Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies A footstool for Your feet”? ¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

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’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.

Preaching of the Word—

“The Surpassing Greatness and Glory of Christ” Colossians 1:15-23

Michael Sandfrey

Song of Response—He Is Lord

He is Lord! He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead
and He is Lord!

Ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Steve Vest

Commission

Benediction—Numbers 6:24–26

²⁴ The Lord bless you, and keep you; ²⁵ The Lord make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'

Assisting in Worship: Preaching - Pastor/Michael Sandfrey; Service Leader - Pastor/Jason Allen;
Musicians: Piano - Francine Lowe; Song Leaders - Elisabeth Lowe, Julie Sandfrey, Jennifer Snowden
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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 worshipping 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 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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