Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

November 22, 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.

- **Sunday School and Thursday Evening Break**
  Sunday School will resume 1/3/27. Thursday evenings will resume 1/7/27.

- **ABC Women's Ministry Event**
  Christmas Fellowship, "The Great Exchange",
  Sunday, December 6, 4:00-6:00 p.m. RSVP to
  women@alpharettabiblechurch.org by 12/4/26.

- **Your Children's Ministry Needs You**
  Interested in serving on Sunday mornings or Thursday nights next spring? Contact joanie@alpharettabiblechurch.org to learn more.

IN PREPARATION

Psalm 86:15
But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 145:8-13

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful;
Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

All: The Lord is good to all,
And His mercies are over all His works.

Leader: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,
And Your godly ones shall bless You.

All: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom
And talk of Your power;

Leader: To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts
And the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Congregational Hymn—And Can It Be?

Verse 1
And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me
who caused His pain?
For me,
who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God,
shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God,
shouldst die for me!

Verse 2
He left His Father's throne above,
so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!

Verse 3
Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin
and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused
a quick'ning ray;
I woke—the dungeon
flamed with light!
My chains fell off,
my heart was free;
I rose, went forth,
and followed Thee.
My chains fell off,
my heart was free;
I rose, went forth,
and followed Thee.

Verse 4
No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed
in righteousness divine!
Bold I approach
Th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown,
through Christ my own!
Bold I approach
Th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through
Christ my own.

Charles Wesley

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

Father, forgive me for my impatience and my lack of trust in Your timing. I confess that I often want Your purposes accomplished according to my schedule rather than Yours. When You do not act as quickly as I desire, I become anxious, frustrated, and discouraged, and I sometimes even question Your goodness. Forgive me for forgetting that Your wisdom is perfect, Your purposes are good, and Your timing is never mistaken. For this, I repent and ask You afresh for Your forgiveness.

Forgive me also for taking Your mercy for granted. I am often more conscious of what I think I deserve than of how much mercy I have received. I forget how patiently You have dealt with my sin, how graciously You have provided for me, and how faithfully You have preserved me. I am quick to notice what I lack and slow to give thanks for what You have freely given.

Help me to wait without complaining, trust without demanding explanations, and obey without insisting that I understand Your purposes. When I am tempted to doubt, remind me of Your faithfulness. When I become impatient, remind me of Your patience toward me. When I become discouraged, remind me of Your promises. Give me a heart that is grateful for Your mercy, content with Your providence, and confident in Your goodness.

Thank You that my hope does not rest in my faithfulness to You, but in Your faithfulness to me. Thank You for Jesus Christ, through whom I receive forgiveness, reconciliation, and everlasting life. May I never treat lightly the mercy that cost Him His life.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—Micah 7:18–19

18 Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity And passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in unchanging love. 19 He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea.

Congregational Hymn—Jesus, Thank You

Verse 1
The mystery of the cross
I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You, the perfect Holy One,
crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup
reserved for me

[Chorus]
Your blood
has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath
completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy,
now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You

Verse 2
By Your perfect sacrifice
I've been brought near
Your enemy
You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches
of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness
know no end

[Chorus]

Pat Sczebel

Confession of Faith

Third and Fourth Heads of Doctrine: The Corruption of Man, His Conversion to God, and the Manner Thereof
Article 15: Responses to God's Grace

God is under no obligation to confer this grace upon any; for how can He be indebted to one who had no previous gifts to bestow as a foundation for such recompense?[1] By no means, how can He be indebted to one who has nothing of his own but sin and falsehood?[2] He, therefore, who becomes the subject of this grace owes eternal gratitude to God,[3] and gives Him thanks forever. Whoever is not made partaker thereof is either altogether regardless of these spiritual gifts and satisfied with his own condition, or is in no apprehension of danger, and vainly boasts the possession of that which he has not. Further, with respect to those who outwardly profess their faith and amend their lives, we are bound, after the

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example of the apostle, to judge and speak of them in the most favorable manner; for the secret recesses of the heart are unknown to us. And as to others who have not yet been called, it is our duty to pray for them to God, who calls the things that are not as if they were.[4] But we are in no way to conduct ourselves towards them with haughtiness, as if we had made ourselves to differ.[5]

1 Rom 11:35; 2 Jer 7:4; Amos 6:1; Rom 14:10; 3 Lk 17:12-19; 4 Rom 4:17; 5 1 Cor 4:7

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Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Nehemiah 9:16-31

16 "But they, our fathers, acted arrogantly; They became stubborn
and would not listen to Your commandments.
17 "They refused to listen, And did not remember Your wondrous
deeds which You had performed among them; So they became
stubborn and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt.
But You are a God of forgiveness, Gracious and compassionate,
Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness; And You did not
forsake them.
18 "Even when they made for themselves A calf of molten metal
And said, 'This is your God Who brought you up from Egypt,'
And committed great blasphemies,
19 You, in Your great compassion, Did not forsake them in the
wilderness; The pillar of cloud did not leave them by day,
To guide them on their way, Nor the pillar of fire by night, to light
for them the way in which they were to go.
20 "You gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, Your manna You did
not withhold from their mouth, And You gave them water for their
thirst.
21 "Indeed, forty years You provided for them in the wilderness *and*
they were not in want; Their clothes did not wear out, nor did their
feet swell.
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22 "You also gave them kingdoms and peoples, And allotted *them* to
them as a boundary. They took possession of the land of Sihon the
king of Heshbon And the land of Og the king of Bashan.
23 "You made their sons numerous as the stars of heaven,
And You brought them into the land Which You had told their
fathers to enter and possess.
24 "So their sons entered and possessed the land.
And You subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the
Canaanites, And You gave them into their hand, with their kings and
the peoples of the land, To do with them as they desired.
25 "They captured fortified cities and a fertile land. They took
possession of houses full of every good thing, Hewn cisterns,
vineyards, olive groves, Fruit trees in abundance. So they ate, were
filled and grew fat, And reveled in Your great goodness.
26 "But they became disobedient and rebelled against You,
And cast Your law behind their backs And killed Your prophets who
had admonished them So that they might return to You,
And they committed great blasphemies.
27 "Therefore You delivered them into the hand of their oppressors
who oppressed them, But when they cried to You in the time of
their distress, You heard from heaven, and according to Your great
compassion You gave them deliverers who delivered them from the
hand of their oppressors.
28 "But as soon as they had rest, they did evil again before You;
Therefore You abandoned them to the hand of their enemies, so
that they ruled over them. When they cried again to You, You heard
from heaven, And many times You rescued them according to Your
compassion,
29 And admonished them in order to turn them back to Your law.
Yet they acted arrogantly and did not listen to Your commandments
but sinned against Your ordinances, By which if a man observes
them he shall live. And they turned a stubborn shoulder and
stiffened their neck, and would not listen.
30 "However, You bore with them for many years,
And admonished them by Your Spirit through Your prophets,
Yet they would not give ear. Therefore You gave them into the hand
of the peoples of the lands.
31 "Nevertheless, in Your great compassion You did not make an end
of them or forsake them, For You are a gracious and compassionate
God.

Congregational Hymn—Depth of Mercy

Verse 1
Depth of mercy! Can there be
Mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear,
me, the chief of sinners, spare?
Whence to me this waste of love?
Ask my Advocate above!
See the cause in Jesus' face,
now before the throne of grace.

Verse 2
I have long withstood His grace,
long provoked Him to His face.
Would not harken to His calls,
grieved Him by a thousand falls.
There for me the Savior stands,
shows His wounds,
and spreads His hands.
God is love, His grace so free,
depth of mercy, there for me.

Verse 3
I my Master have denied,
I afresh have crucified
And profaned
His hallowed name,
put Him to an open shame.
Jesus speaks
and pleads His blood!
He disarms the wrath of God:
Now my Father's mercies move:
He receives me with His love.

Charles Wesley

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 2:1-11

1 Therefore you have no excuse, every one of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.
2 And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.
3 But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?
4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?
5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,
6 who will render to each person according to his deeds:
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7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;
8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.
9 There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,
10 but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
11 For there is no partiality with God.

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—

"God's Patient Pity"
2 Peter 3:8-9

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—1 Timothy 1:17

17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Point 1: In your own words, describe God's singular purpose/plan for the planet.

Point 2: How do we know God is patient? How many biblical examples can you cite?

Point 3: What are the three options for "ALL"?

1. The people Peter was _____ to.

2. The e_____.

3. The w_____.

What is the difference between God's pity and God's compassion and mercy?

What are the two aspects of God's will?

d_____ and d_____.

These words are similar but not entirely the same: pity,

c_____, and m_____.

How does it make you feel to know that God has delayed the return of His Son in order for you to be born 2,000 years after Jesus died for you, in order to save and adopt you?

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

Jason Allen, Pastor/Elder

Todd Armistead, Elder

Bob Bishop, Deacon

John Butman, Deacon

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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