



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

September 28th, 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

- **Young adult gathering at the Allen's. Sunday, 10/5 @ 4:30PM. Bucket Golf, Board Games and Chili!**
- **Membership Meeting - Sunday, October 19th following service**
- **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

Gender wars have existed for as long as mankind has been on this earth - Genesis 3 assures us of this. Man and woman have been at odds ever since they rebelled against God and were cast from the Garden. This tension has revealed itself in countless ways and we clearly aren't equipped, in our own strength, to solve the problem. The question for us to consider is this, "Does God have a solution?" Our text today assures us that He does.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 150:1-6

Leader: Praise the Lord!
Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty expanse.

**All: Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.**

Leader: Praise Him with trumpet sound;
Praise Him with harp and lyre.

**All: Praise Him with timbrel and dancing;
Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe.**

Leader: Praise Him with loud cymbals;
Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

**All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!**

Congregational Hymn—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work
and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love
He befriend thee.

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises
before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

Joachim Neander

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

I have often struck Thee with a wayward will, when these fingers should embrace Thee by faith. I am not yet weaned from all created glory, honour, wisdom, and esteem of others, for I have a secret motive to eye my name in all I do.

Let me not only speak the word sin, but see the thing itself. Give me to view a discovered sinfulness, to know that though my sins are crucified they are never wholly mortified. Hatred, malice, ill-will, vain-glory that hungers for and hunts after man's approval and applause, all are crucified, forgiven, but they rise again in my sinful heart.

O my crucified but never wholly mortified sinfulness!

O my life-long damage and daily shame!

O my indwelling and besetting sins!

O the tormenting slavery of a sinful heart!

Destroy, O God, the dark guest within
whose hidden presence makes my life a hell.

Yet Thou hast not left me here without grace;
The cross still stands and meets my needs in the deepest straits of the soul.

I thank Thee that my remembrance of it is like David's sight of Goliath's sword which preached forth Thy deliverance. The memory of my great sins, my many temptations, my falls, bring afresh into my mind the remembrance of Thy great help, of Thy support from heaven, of the great grace that saved such a wretch as I am.

There is no treasure so wonderful as that continuous experience of Thy grace toward me which alone can subdue the risings of sin within:

Give me more of it.

Valley of Vision

Assurance of Forgiveness—Ephesians 2:11–17

¹¹ Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, ¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near;

Congregational Hymn—O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

Verse 3

He breaks the pow’r
of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make
the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

Charles Wesley

Confession of Faith

Chapter 27, Paragraph 1

All saints that are united to Jesus Christ, their head, by his Spirit, and faith, although they are not made thereby one person with him, have fellowship in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory;¹ and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each others gifts and graces,² and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, in an orderly way, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.³

1 1 John 1:3; John 1:16; Phil. 3:10;

Rom. 6:5–6

2 Eph. 4:15–16; 1 Cor. 12:7; 3:21–23

3 1 Thess. 5:11,14; Rom. 1:12; 1 John 3:17–

18; Gal. 6:10

London Baptist Confession, 1689

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Genesis 16:1-13

¹ Now Sarai, Abram's wife had borne him no children, and she had an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar.

² So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I will obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

³ After Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife.

⁴ He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her sight.

⁵ And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done me be upon you. I gave my maid into your arms, but when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her sight. May the Lord judge between you and me."

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⁶ But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her what is good in your sight.” So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence.

⁷ Now the angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

⁸ He said, “Hagar, Sarai’s maid, where have you come from and where are you going?” And she said, “I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.”

⁹ Then the angel of the Lord said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority.”

¹⁰ Moreover, the angel of the Lord said to her, “I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count.”

¹¹ The angel of the Lord said to her further,

“Behold, you are with child,

And you will bear a son;

And you shall call his name Ishmael,

Because the Lord has given heed to your affliction.

¹² “He will be a wild donkey of a man,

His hand will be against everyone,

And everyone’s hand will be against him;

And he will live to the east of all his brothers.”

¹³ Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, “You are a God who sees”; for she said, “Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?”

Congregational Hymn—Psalm 23

Verse 1

The Lord's my Shepherd,
I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures
green.
He leads me by the still, still
waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

[Chorus]

And I will trust in You alone, and
I will trust in You alone;
For Your Endless mercy follows
me,
Your goodness will lead me
home.

Verse 2

He guides my ways in
righteousness, and He anoints my
head with oil;
And my cup, it overflows with
joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

[Chorus]

Verse 3

And though I walk the darkest
path,
I will not fear the evil one;
For You are with me, and Your
rod and staff are the comfort, I
need to know.

[Chorus]

Stuart Townend

New Testament Scripture Reading—Galatians 3:23-29

²³ But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.

²⁴ Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

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—

**“The God of Equality”
Matthew 27:55-56**

Todd Friel

Song of Response—Doxology

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—Romans 15:5-6

⁵ Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,
⁶ so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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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 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
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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