



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

December 14th, 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 four 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.

Third, it is our desire that you will leave our worship service not just knowing more, but loving the true and living God more.

Lastly, 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 AM

Announcements

- **Sunday School resumes January 4th.**
- **“3:15 Equipped”, our Spring mid-week study, launches Thursday, January 8th.**
- **Plan to be with us Christmas Eve. Service starts at 5 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

This morning, we will sing, “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”. This hymn underscores the theme of today’s service and the title of the sermon, “Born for Your Preservation”. The merriment and brightness of Christmas come at a high cost. The birth of the Savior signaled that He would die an unspeakably horrific death in order to preserve the lives of His sheep. As we celebrate Advent and the coming of our Savior, let us remember that He was, “Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.”

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 95:1–7

Leader: O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

All: For the Lord is a great God And a great King above all gods,

Leader: In whose hand are the depths of the earth, The peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for it was He who made it, And His hands formed the dry land.

All: Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Congregational Hymn—Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Verse 1

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heav’n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,

Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Verse 3

Hail, the heav’n-born
Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

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

BLESSED LORD JESUS,
No human mind could conceive
or invent the gospel.
Acting in eternal grace, Thou art
both its messenger and its
message, lived out on earth
through infinite compassion,
applying Thy life to insult, injury,
death, that I might be redeemed,
ransomed, freed.
Blessed be Thou, O Father, for
contriving this way,
Eternal thanks to Thee, O Lamb
of God, for opening this way,
Praise everlasting to Thee, O Holy
Spirit, for applying this way to my
heart.
Glorious Trinity, impress the
gospel on my soul, until its virtue
diffuses every faculty;
Let it be heard, acknowledged,
professed, felt.
Teach me to secure this mighty
blessing;
Help me to give up every darling
lust, to submit heart and life to its
command, to have it in my

will, controlling my
affections, moulding my
understanding; to adhere strictly
to the rules of true religion, not
departing from them in any
instance, nor for any advantage in
order to escape evil,
inconvenience or danger.
Take me to the cross to seek glory
from its infamy;
Strip me of every pleasing
pretense of righteousness by my
own doings.
O gracious Redeemer, I have
neglected Thee too long, often
crucified Thee, crucified Thee
afresh by my impenitence, put
Thee to open shame.
I thank Thee for the patience that
has borne with me so long, and
for the grace that now makes me
willing to be Thine.
O unite me to Thyself with
inseparable bonds, that nothing
may ever draw me back from
Thee, my Lord, my Savior.

Valley of Vision

Assurance of Forgiveness—Colossians 2:13-14

¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, ¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Congregational Hymn—The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Verse 3

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought
me.

Henry Williams Baker

Confession of Faith

Chapter 17: Of the Perseverance of the Saints

They whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace; but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.^a

^a Phil. 1:6; 2 Pet. 1:10; John 10:28,29; 1 John 3:9; 1 Pet. 1:5,9.

The Westminster Confession of Faith

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Psalm 121

¹ I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come?

² My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ Behold, He who keeps Israel Will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The Lord is your keeper; The Lord is your shade on your right hand.

⁶ The sun will not smite you by day, Nor the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.

⁸ The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever.

Congregational Hymn—He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

[Chorus]

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight

He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

[Chorus]

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last!

Ada Habershon, Matthew Merker

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

³³ Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

³⁴ who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ Just as it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

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³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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—

“Born For Your Preservation”

John 10:27-30

Jason Allen

Song of Response—In Christ Alone

Verse 4

No guilt in life,
no fear in death;
This is the power
of Christ in me.
From life's first cry
to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell,
no scheme of man
Can ever pluck
me from His hand;
’Til He returns
or calls me home,
Here in the power
of Christ I'll stand!

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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 Jason Allen; Service Leader - Pastor Jason Allen;
Musicians: Piano - Francine Lowe; Song Leaders - Elisabeth Lowe, Jennifer Snowden,
Lindsay White, Lauren Glosson

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Prayer of Confession - Anonymous

SERMON NOTES

1. Jesus _____ His Sheep.

2. Jesus _____ His Sheep.

3. Jesus _____ His Sheep.

4. Jesus _____ His Sheep.

5. Jesus _____ His Sheep.

6. Jesus _____ His Sheep.

7. Your _____ is possible
because of Jesus' _____.

**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. (Resumes 1/4/26)
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday Night Bible Study
7:00 p.m. (Resumes 1/8/26)

LEADERSHIP

Todd Friel, Pastor

Todd Armistead, Deacon

Jason Allen, Pastor

Brooks Clark, Deacon

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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