



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

August 23rd, 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.

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 reinforces 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 a.m.

Announcements

- **ABC One Day Women’s Conference, Saturday, 8/29, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Register in the lobby today! | Registration closes Tuesday, 8/25**
- **Evangelism training event with Andrew Walkington, Sunday, 8/30, after the worship service. Lunch provided. Register now!**
- **Children’s volunteers needed for Sunday mornings and Thursday nights. If you weren’t able to be at training last Thursday but are interested in serving, contact joanie@alpharettabiblechurch.org**
- **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 the form or request more information.**

IN PREPARATION

Psalm 19:7-10

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.
⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.
¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 33:1-5

Leader: Sing for joy in the Lord, O you righteous ones;

All: Praise is becoming to the upright.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;

All: Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.

Leader: Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.
For the word of the Lord is upright,

All: And all His work is *done* in faithfulness.

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice;

All: The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord.

Congregational Hymn—Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Verse 1

Come, Thou Fount
of ev'ry blessing;
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount!
I'm fixed upon it,
mount of Thy redeeming love.

Verse 3

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart, Lord,
take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above!

Verse 4

Oh, that day when,
freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
full arrayed in blood-washed linen,
how I'll sing Thy sov'reign grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
bring Thy promises to pass;
for I know Thy pow'r
will keep me
till I'm home with Thee at last!

Bob Kauflin, Robert Robinson

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, You have given us Your Word, perfect, righteous, pure, true and enduring. You have given us words sweeter than honey and more valuable than gold. Yet we have often treated Your Word as ordinary. We confess that we have not cherished Your Word as we ought.

We have made time for work, entertainment, news, recreation, and countless distractions while treating Your Word as optional. We have had Your Word within reach and yet failed to read it. Forgive us for our misplaced priorities.

CONT'D

We have sometimes approached Scripture as a duty rather than a delight, as information rather than revelation, and as something familiar rather than something wonderful. Forgive us for our apathy.

We have failed to treasure Your Word in our hearts. We have forgotten what You have taught us, neglected to meditate upon it, and allowed Your truth to pass through our minds without taking root in our hearts. Forgive us for our coldness toward what You have spoken.

Make us a people who delight in Your Word, treasure it in our hearts, meditate upon it, obey it, and build our lives upon it. Teach us to say with the psalmist: “How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!”

In the name of Your Son, the Word made flesh, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—Titus 3:4–5

⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

Congregational Hymn—Give Thanks

Verse 1

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks

because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks

because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son

[Chorus]

And now

let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what

the Lord has done for us

And now

let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what

the Lord has done for us

{Repeat all}

Confession of Faith

Article 3—The Word of God

We confess that this Word of God did not come by the impulse of man, but that men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God, as the apostle Peter says (2 Pet 1:21). Thereafter, in His special care for us and our salvation, God commanded His servants, the prophets and apostles, to commit His revealed Word to writing¹ and He Himself wrote with His own finger the two tables of the law.² Therefore we call such writings holy and divine Scriptures.³

1 Ex 34:27; Ps 102:18; Rev 1:11, 19

2 Ex 31:18

3 2 Tim 3:16

Belgic Confession, 1561

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 32:44-47

⁴⁴ Then Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he, with Joshua the son of Nun.

⁴⁵ When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel,

⁴⁶ he said to them, “Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you shall command your sons to observe carefully, even all the words of this law.

⁴⁷ For it is not an idle word for you; indeed it is your life. And by this word you will prolong your days in the land, which you are about to cross the Jordan to possess.”

Congregational Hymn—Your Words Are Wonderful

Verse 1

Your words are wonderful,
unfolding like the dawn
A wellspring and
the rock we rest upon
We trust Your promises
that keep our hope alive
They steady us
throughout life's weary climb

[Chorus]

Where else can we go?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of life,
the words of life

Verse 2

Come write Your holy truth
upon our longing hearts
And strengthen us
to shine against the dark
Lord, guard us from the lies
the enemy will speak
No guilt remains
for those You have redeemed

[Chorus 2]

Where else can we go?
Where else can we go?

You have the words of life,
the words of life
Make Your glory known,
make Your glory known
Through all Your words of life,
Your words of life

[Bridge]

Give us ears to hear
and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt
and unbelief
Give us ears to hear
and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt
and unbelief
Give us ears to hear
and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt
and unbelief

[Chorus 2]

Through all Your words of life,
Your words of life

Ben Shive, David Zimmer, Nathan Stiff

New Testament Scripture Reading—Matthew 4:1-4

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

² And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.

CONT'D

³ And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

⁴ But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of 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—

“Sweeter than Honey” Psalm 119

Todd Friel

Song of Response—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.

Verse 2

Holy words of our faith
handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
Oh, heed the faithful
words of Christ.
Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words
and hold them dear.

[Chorus]

Lynn DeShazo

Commission

Benediction—Colossians 3:16-17

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Assisting in Worship: Preaching—Pastor Todd Friel; Service Leader—Elder Todd Armistead;
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

Use this space to list all of the descriptors of the Bible that caught your attention:

Use this space to list all of the things the Bible will do for you that you would like to see happen in your life:

Introspective questions:

Have you been neglecting the reading of God's Word?

Are you now convicted and persuaded to change that?

Will you create your own daily reading schedule today and commit to following it?

**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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