



*Alpharetta*

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

September 21st, 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!**
- **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

Our opening hymn this morning is, “He Is Exalted”. Jesus has been exalted, is being exalted, and will be exalted. At the return of the Lord Jesus, everything prophesied of His work of salvation will be fulfilled. From His resurrection to His ascension, His ongoing ministry, and His return in glory to judge the world, the exaltation of Christ that has begun will be fully realized. Because Christ is exalted, we already enjoy direct access to God. Because Christ will be exalted, we look forward with assurance to joyful fellowship with God when Christ returns for His people.

### Prelude

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 145:1-4

Leader: I will extol You, my God, O King,  
And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

**All: Every day I will bless You,  
And I will praise Your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised,  
And His greatness is unsearchable.

**All: One generation shall praise Your works to another,  
And shall declare Your mighty acts.**

## **Congregational Hymn—He Is Exalted**

He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted, forever exalted  
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord  
Forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and earth  
Rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high

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Twila Paris

## **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

O Changeless God,  
Under the conviction of the Spirit I learn that  
The more I do, the worse I am,  
The more I know, the less I know,  
The more holiness I have, the more sinful I am,  
The more I love, the more there is to love.  
O wretched man that I am!  
O Lord, I have a wild heart  
And cannot stand before You;  
I am like a bird before a man.  
How little I love Your truth and ways!  
I neglect prayer,  
By thinking I have prayed enough and earnestly,  
By knowing Thou hast saved my soul.  
Of all hypocrites, grant that I may not be a hypocrite,  
Who sins more safely because grace abounds,  
Who tells his lusts that Christ's blood cleanses them,  
Who reasons that God cannot cast him into hell, for he is saved,  
Who loves gospel preaching, churches, Christians, but lives unholy  
My mind is a bucket without a bottom,  
With no spiritual understanding,  
No desire for worship,  
Ever learning but never reaching the truth,  
Always at the gospel-well but never holding water.  
My conscience is without conviction or contrition,  
With nothing to repent of.  
My will is without power of decision or resolution.  
My heart is without affection, and full of leaks.  
My memory has no retention,  
So I forget so easily the lessons learned,  
And Your truths seep away.  
Give me a broken heart that yet carries home the water of grace.

Valley of Vision

## Assurance of Forgiveness—Hebrews 7:25

<sup>25</sup> Therefore He [Jesus] is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

## Congregational Hymn—Jesus Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin  
That we might become  
His righteousness.  
He humbled Himself  
and carried the cross

Love so amazing,  
love so amazing

Jesus Messiah,  
name above all names  
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners,  
the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread,  
His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out  
all for love  
The whole earth trembled,  
and the veil was torn

Love so amazing, love so  
amazing,

Jesus Messiah,  
name above all names  
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners,  
the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

All our hope is in You,  
all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God,  
the light of the world

Jesus Messiah,  
name above all names  
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners,  
the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

Chris Tomlin

## Confession of Faith

### Article 26: Christ's Intercession

We believe that we have no access unto God but alone through the only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous,<sup>1</sup> who therefore became man, having united in one person the divine and human natures, that we men might have access to the divine Majesty, which access would otherwise be barred against us. But this Mediator, whom the Father hath appointed between Him and us, ought in no wise frighten us by His majesty, or cause us to seek another according to our fancy.<sup>2</sup>

For there is no creature, either in heaven or on earth, who loveth us more than Jesus Christ;<sup>3</sup> who, though He was in the form of God, yet made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a man and of a servant for us,<sup>4</sup> and was made like unto His brethren in all things. If, then, we should seek for another mediator who would be well affected towards us, whom could we find who loved us more than He who laid down His life for us, even when we were His enemies?<sup>5</sup> And if we seek for one who hath power and majesty, who is there that hath so much of both as He who sits at the right hand of His Father, and who hath all power in heaven and on earth? <sup>6</sup> And who will sooner be heard than the own well-beloved Son of God?

1 1 Tim. 2:5; 1 John 2:1; Rom. 8:33

2 Hosea. 13:9; Jer. 2:13, 33

3 John 10:11; 1 John 4:10; Rom. 5:8; Eph. 3:19; John 15:13

4 Phil. 2:7

5 Rom. 5:8

6 Mark 16:19; Col. 3:1; Rom. 8:33; Matt. 11:27; 28:18

## Pastoral Prayer

## Old Testament Scripture Reading—Leviticus 16:2–28

<sup>2</sup> The Lord said to Moses: “Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter at any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, or he will die; for I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. <sup>3</sup> “Aaron shall enter the holy place with this: with a bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. <sup>4</sup> “He shall put on the holy linen tunic, and the linen undergarments shall be next to his body, and he shall be girded with the linen sash and attired with the linen turban (these are holy garments). Then he shall bathe his body in water and put them on. <sup>5</sup> “He shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering. <sup>6</sup> “Then Aaron shall offer the bull for the sin offering which is for himself, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household. <sup>7</sup> “He shall take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the doorway of the tent of meeting. <sup>8</sup> “Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat. <sup>9</sup> “Then Aaron shall offer the goat on which the lot for the Lord fell, and make it a sin offering. <sup>10</sup> “But the goat on which the lot for the scapegoat fell shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make atonement upon it, to send it into the wilderness as the scapegoat. <sup>11</sup> “Then Aaron shall offer the bull of the sin offering which is for himself and make atonement for himself and for his household, and he shall slaughter the bull of the sin offering which is for himself. <sup>12</sup> “He shall take a firepan full of coals of fire from upon the altar before the Lord and two handfuls of finely ground sweet incense, and bring it inside the veil. <sup>13</sup> “He shall put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the ark of the testimony, otherwise he will die. <sup>14</sup> “Moreover, he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; also in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times. <sup>15</sup> “Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. <sup>16</sup> “He shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel and because of their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and thus he shall do for the tent of meeting which abides with them in the midst of their impurities.

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<sup>17</sup> “When he goes in to make atonement in the holy place, no one shall be in the tent of meeting until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household and for all the assembly of Israel. <sup>18</sup> “Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the Lord and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and of the blood of the goat and put it on the horns of the altar on all sides. <sup>19</sup> “With his finger he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it seven times and cleanse it, and from the impurities of the sons of Israel consecrate it. <sup>20</sup> “When he finishes atoning for the holy place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall offer the live goat. <sup>21</sup> “Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel and all their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who stands in readiness. <sup>22</sup> “The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness. <sup>23</sup> “Then Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting and take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there. <sup>24</sup> “He shall bathe his body with water in a holy place and put on his clothes, and come forth and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people and make atonement for himself and for the people. <sup>25</sup> “Then he shall offer up in smoke the fat of the sin offering on the altar. <sup>26</sup> “The one who released the goat as the scapegoat shall wash his clothes and bathe his body with water; then afterward he shall come into the camp. <sup>27</sup> “But the bull of the sin offering and the goat of the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall be taken outside the camp, and they shall burn their hides, their flesh, and their refuse in the fire. <sup>28</sup> “Then the one who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body with water, then afterward he shall come into the camp.

## Congregational Hymn—Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

### Verse 1

Come, behold  
the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ,  
who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

### Verse 2

Come, behold  
the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save  
the hell-bound man  
Christ the great  
and sure fulfillment  
Of the law; in Him we stand

### Verse 3

Come, behold  
the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold

### Verse 4

Come, behold  
the wondrous mystery,  
Slain by death the God of life;  
But no grave  
could e'er restrain Him,  
Praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance,  
How unwavering our hope;  
Christ in power resurrected,  
As we will be, when He comes.

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell,  
and Michael Bleeker

## New Testament Scripture Reading—Hebrews 10:19-25

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place  
by the blood of Jesus,

<sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil,  
that is, His flesh,

<sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

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<sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.  
<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;  
<sup>24</sup> and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,  
<sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

## **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—**

**“Direct Access”  
Matthew 27:45-54**

Todd Friel

## **Song of Response—How Beautiful (solo, Elisabeth Lowe)**

## Commission

### **Benediction—Revelation 5:12-13**

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.” And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”

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 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.

**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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