



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

May 17th, 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

- **Fellowship and Care Group gatherings are encouraged throughout the Summer.**
- **ABC Members, please plan to stay for our Member Meeting following the worship service today to vote for our Elder/Deacon nominees.**
- **Please plan on joining us for a special potluck following our church service next Sunday, May 24th as we recognize and celebrate what the Lord has done in the lives of our graduates!**
- **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

Everyone wants to be blessed, but do we understand the biblical basis for blessing? Furthermore, is there a connection between receiving blessing and extending blessing to others? Today's passage from 1 Peter calls us to consider these things and more. Let's prepare our hearts to look to the One who is blessed and is the foundation of our blessing as we fix our hearts on the Lord Jesus this morning.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 25:8-10

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord;

All: Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: He leads the humble in justice,

All: And He teaches the humble His way.

Leader: All the paths of the Lord are lovingkindness and truth

All: To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Congregational Hymn—Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

Verse 3

Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance,
now and always.

Thou and Thou only,
first in my heart,
High King of heaven,
my treasure Thou art.

Verse 4

High King of heaven,
my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Mary E. Byrne

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

Heavenly Father,

We confess that You are holy, righteous, and true, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, deed, and motive. We have failed to love You fully and to love others as we should. We confess pride, selfishness, anger, lust, anxiety, unbelief, careless words, impure motives, and spiritual coldness.

We especially confess how easily we let the world lead, teach, shape, and define us. Too often we have adopted the world's definition of success, happiness, comfort, and fulfillment instead of submitting to Your Word and Your ways.

Forgive us for being shaped more by culture, entertainment, and human opinion than by Scripture. Forgive us for doubting that Your ways are best and for seeking satisfaction in temporary things instead of in You.

Thank You for the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ. Thank You that His blood cleanses us from all sin and that Your Spirit renews and empowers Your people.

Renew our minds through Your truth. Teach us to love what You love, reject worldly thinking, and walk in faithful obedience. Help us to seek Your kingdom above all else and trust that Your ways are good, wise, and always best.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Congregational Hymn—Before the Throne of God Above

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest
whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while
in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid
me thence depart;
no tongue can bid
me thence depart.

Verse 3

Behold Him there,
the risen Lamb!
My perfect
spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory
and of Grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased
by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior
and my God;
with Christ, my Savior
and my God!

Vikki Cook and Charitie Lees Bancroft

Confession of Faith

Leader: What is the duty which God requireth of man?

All: The duty which God requireth of man is, obedience to His revealed will.

1 Sam. 15:22; Micah 6:8

The Baptist Catechism, Question 44

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Psalm 1

¹ How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,

Nor stand in the path of sinners,

Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

² But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

And in His law he meditates day and night.

³ He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water,

Which yields its fruit in its season

And its leaf does not wither;

And in whatever he does, he prospers.

⁴ The wicked are not so,

But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

But the way of the wicked will perish.

Congregational Hymn—Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Verse 1

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.

Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be.

Perish ev'ry fond ambition,

All I've sought

or hoped or known.

Yet how rich is my condition!

God and heav'n are still my own.

Verse 2

Let the world despise
and leave me,

They have left my Savior too.

Human hearts

and looks deceive me;

Thou art not, like them, untrue.

Oh, while Thou

dost smile upon me,

God of wisdom, love and might,

Foes may hate

and friends disown me,

Show Thy face and all is bright.

Henry Lyte

New Testament Scripture Reading—Colossians 2:6-15

⁶ Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
⁷ having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

⁹ For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

¹¹ and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

¹² having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

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.

¹⁵ When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

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.

Preaching of the Word—

“Your Blessed Life Now” 1 Peter 3:8-12

Todd Friel

Song of Response—Fight the Good Fight

Verse 1

Fight the good fight
with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength,
and Christ thy right:
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Verse 2

Run the straight race
through God’s good grace,
lift up thine eyes,
and seek His face;
life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path,
and Christ the prize.

John S. B. Monsell

Commission

Benediction—1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

Assisting in Worship: Preaching - Pastor Todd Friel; Service Leader - Pastor Jason Allen;

Musicians: Piano - Francine Lowe; Song Leaders - Elisabeth Lowe, Jennifer Snowden,

Lindsay White, Lauren Glosson, Alex McCurley, Eunice Montecillo

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Prayer of Confession - Anonymous

SERMON NOTES

Peter offers blessing in the following realms:

Your blessed ch_____ now.

Your blessed after_____ soon and now.

Your blessed temporal l_____ now

Your blessed w_____ now.

Your blessed p_____ now.

See if you can list all 14 attitudes/actions/virtues we are supposed to possess:

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| 1. | 8. |
| 2. | 9. |
| 3. | 10. |
| 4. | 11. |
| 5. | 12. |
| 6. | 13. |
| 7. | 14. |

List any/all of the attitudes/actions/virtues that the Spirit has brought to your attention that may require repentance.

**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

Fellowship at 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

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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