



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

September 27, 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.

#1 We endeavor to make our services coherent. As we offer each regulated element of worship, you will notice each element is about ONE subject.

#2 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.

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

#4 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

****We love having children in the service!****

If your little one gets a little fussy, please feel free to use the “Cry Room” or one of the common areas outside the worship center for the benefit of those around you. Once they’ve settled down, you’re welcome to rejoin us.

- **Fellowship Lunch Today!**

Please join us for lunch after the service.

- **Men’s and Women’s Gatherings**

All men of ABC, plan to join us for a cookout under the pavilion this evening. Start time is 5 p.m.

All ladies of ABC, register now in the lobby for your event on Friday, 10/2.

- **Send a little encouragement to our college students**

See Jennifer Armistead for details.

- **Your Children’s Ministry Needs You**

Interested in serving or learning more?

Contact joanie@alpharettabiblechurch.org

IN PREPARATION

Prelude: I Know Whom I Have Believed

Call to Worship—Psalm 95:1-3

Leader: O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord,

All: Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,

All: Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Leader: For the Lord is a great God

All: And a great King above all gods

Congregational Hymn—Blessed Assurance

Verse 1

Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste
of glory divine!
Heir of salvation,
purchase of God,
born of His Spirit,
washed in His blood.

angels descending,
bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

[Chorus]

[Chorus]

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 3

Perfect submission: all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting,
looking above,
filled with His goodness,
lost in His love.

Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture
now burst on my sight;

[Chorus]

Fanny Crosby

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, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have particularly grieved Your heart when we have failed to trust Your promises of salvation to those who have believed on Your beloved Son.

You have told us that Christ has accomplished our redemption, and that those who belong to Him are secure. Yet we have allowed our feelings, our failures, our circumstances, and our fears to speak louder than Your Word. We repent. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief.

CONT'D

Thank You that You are our God and that we are Your people. Thank You that You have called us, redeemed us, forgiven us, and adopted us. Thank You that Christ died for sinners and that His righteousness, not ours, is the ground of our acceptance before You.

Holy Spirit, bear witness with our spirits that we are children of God. Produce in us the fruits of genuine faith, and give us increasing assurance as we see Your grace at work in our lives.

Teach us to rest in Your promises, to trust Your Word, and to look continually to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our faithful Savior and Lord, amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—Philippians 1:6

6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Congregational Hymn—There Is a Redeemer

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One.

precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

[Chorus]

[Chorus]

Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit till
the work on earth is done.

Verse 3

When I stand in glory,
I will see His face;
there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

Verse 2

Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names;

[Chorus]

Melody Green

Confession of Faith

Chapter 18: Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation

Although temporary believers, and other unregenerate men, may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions of being in the favor of God and in a state of salvation, which hope of theirs shall perish;¹ yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love Him in sincerity, endeavouring to walk in all good conscience before Him, may in this life be certainly assured that they are in the state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God,² which hope shall never make them ashamed.³

This certainty is not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion grounded upon a fallible hope, but an infallible assurance of faith,⁴ founded on the blood and righteousness of Christ revealed in the Gospel;⁵ and also upon the inward evidence of those graces of the Spirit unto which promises are made,⁶ and on the testimony of the Spirit of adoption, witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God;⁷ and, as a fruit thereof, keeping the heart both humble and holy.⁸

1 Job 8:13–14; Matt. 7:22–23

2 1 John 2:3, 3:14, 18–19, 21, 24, 5:13

3 Rom. 5:2, 5

4 Heb. 6:11, 19

5 Heb. 6:17–18

6 2 Pet. 1:4–5, 10–11

7 Rom. 8:15–16

8 1 John 3:1–3

London Baptist Confession, 1689

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 46:3–4

³ “Listen to Me, O house of Jacob,
And all the remnant of the house of Israel,
You who have been borne by Me from birth
And have been carried from the womb;
⁴ Even to your old age I will be the same,
And even to your graying years I will bear you!
I have done it, and I will carry you;
And I will bear you and I will deliver you.

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!

[Chorus]

Ada Habershon, Matt Merker

New Testament Scripture Reading—John 10:22-30

²² At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem;

²³ it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon.

²⁴ The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me.

²⁶ But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

Prayer: Prepare Our Hearts

Congregational Song of Preparation—Speak, O Lord

Verse 1

Speak, O Lord,
as we come to You
to receive the food
of Your holy word.
Take Your truth,
plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us
in Your likeness;

that the light of Christ
might be seen today
in our acts of love
and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Preaching of the Word—

“Diligent Assurance”

2 Peter 1:8-15

Todd Friel

Song of Response—The Lord Is My Salvation

Verse 1

The grace of God
has reached for me,
and pulled me from
a raging sea,
and I am safe
on this solid ground—
the Lord is my salvation.

me in the grave,
but I will rise,
He will call me home—
the Lord is my salvation.

[Chorus]

[Chorus]

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid,
and the vict'ry won—
the Lord is my salvation.

[Bridge] x 2

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

[Ending]

The Lord is our salvation
The Lord is our salvation

Verse 5

And when I reach my final day,
He will not leave

Jonas Myrin, Keith Getty,
Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockels

New Member Commissioning

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 Todd Friel; Service Leader — Pastor Jason Allen;
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

If you struggle to know you are saved, which of the 14 different reasons did you identify as the source of your doubt?

If you doubt your salvation, how diligent have you been in studying your Savior?

If you doubt, do you spend more time analyzing yourself rather than analyzing your God?

If you doubt your salvation, when was the last time you were amazed that God saved you?

If you find yourself regularly doubting, which of the recommended steps do you need to apply to stop the loop?

Are there people at ABC you could confide in who could hold you accountable for growing in assurance?

If so, will you talk to them today?

**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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