



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

July 12th, 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

- **Today is Francine & Elisabeth’s last Sunday with us. We are so grateful for their service to the Lord here at ABC.**
- **Youth Camp Debrief, 7/22 (more details to follow).**
- **Baseball & BBQ, 7/25 (see Craig, Gina, or Gil for details).**
- **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

Isaiah 26:3-4

³“The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,
Because he trusts in You.

⁴ “Trust in the Lord forever,
For in God the Lord, *we have* an everlasting Rock.

Prelude - Elisabeth Lowe (Special Music)

Call to Worship—Psalm 62:1-2

Leader: My soul *waits* in silence for God only;

All: From Him is my salvation.

Leader: He only is my rock and my salvation,

All: My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Congregational Hymn—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate;
On earth is not his equal.

Verse 2

Did we
in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not
the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is He!
Lord Sabaoth His name,
from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

Verse 3

And though this world
with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear,
for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

Martin Luther

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 Lord God,

We come before You acknowledging that we have sinned against You in what we have done and in what we have failed to do.
We confess our general sinfulness before You, and we petition You to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONT'D

We confess that we have failed to stand firm in the faith. We have been hesitant to speak of Christ when we should have testified boldly. We have feared the approval of man more than we have feared You.

We confess that we have failed to love one another as You have commanded, and we have not walked in the peace You give.

Our hearts have often been anxious, unsettled, and restless. We have sought control rather than trust. We have carried burdens You invited us to cast upon You. We have allowed fear and worry to disrupt the inward shalom You promise to those who trust You.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, who stood firm in perfect obedience, who bore witness to the truth even unto death, and who is Himself our peace, have mercy on us.

Strengthen us by Your Spirit to stand firm in faith without wavering, to bear faithful witness to Christ without fear, to love one another with sincere hearts, and to rest in the abiding peace that comes from You alone.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—Colossians 1:13–14

¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Congregational Hymn—O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace.

Verse 4

He breaks the pow'r
of canceled sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make
the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

Confession of Faith

Question 127

Leader: What is the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

All: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"; that is:

Since we are so weak in ourselves that we cannot stand even for a moment, and besides, our deadly enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—assail us without ceasing, be pleased to preserve and strengthen us by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we may make firm stand against them and not be overcome in this spiritual warfare, until at last we obtain complete victory.

Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Joshua 1:1-9

¹ Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying,

² "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel.

³ Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses.

⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory.

⁵ No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

CONT'D

⁷ Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go.

⁸ This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

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.

[Refrain]

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.

[Refrain]

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!

[Refrain]

New Testament Scripture Reading—Philippians 1:27-30

²⁷ Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

²⁸ in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God.

²⁹ For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

³⁰ experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

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—

**“Your Posture”
1 Peter 5:12-14**

Todd Friel

Song of Response—'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise,
just to know,
“Thus saith the Lord.”

[Refrain]

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him
o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace
to trust Him more!

Verse 4

I'm so glad I learned
to trust Him,
precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that He is with me,
will be with me to the end.

[Refrain]

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him
o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace
to trust Him more!

Louisa M. R. Stead

Commission

Benediction—1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers *and sisters*, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not *in vain* in the Lord.

SERMON NOTES

As you hear the list of the true graces of God, identify the graces that would help you stand firm, and write them down here.

Peter's three imperatives are:

1. Stand _____.
2. _____ one another.
3. Be at _____.

Will you commit today to standing firm?

Bonus points:

What are the three legs of the I Peter stool?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What is the seat of the stool?_____.

**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

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**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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