



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

August 17th, 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

- **Women’s Discipleship Event, Saturday, 8/23, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM @ Big Canoe, GA. TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER/SUBMIT PAYMENT!**
- **Don’t miss our weekly Bible study, Sundays @ 9 a.m.**
- **Men’s midweek study, 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

The song we will sing in response to our Assurance of Forgiveness comes from a heart that appreciates what Christ has freed us from. “All I Have is Christ” opens with this verse, “I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that promised joy and life, had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would own, a rebel to Your will. And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still”.

Sin always over promises and under delivers. Yet, we fall for the deceitfulness of sin over and over again. Today, let us realize afresh that if we have Christ, we have far more than we could ever ask for. That appreciation for what we have in Christ as well as what He has freed us from should equip us to stand firm against sins’ deception.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 32:1-2, 11

Leader: How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered!

**All: How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute
iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no deceit!**

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones;

All: And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.

Congregational Hymn—To God Be the Glory

Verse 1

To God be the glory,
great things He hath done;
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life
an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

[Refrain]

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory,
great things He hath done!

Verse 2

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,

To ev'ry believer
the promise of God;
The vilest offender
who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

[Refrain]

Verse 3

Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher,
and greater will be
Our wonder, our vict'ry,
when Jesus we see.

[Refrain]

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

Eternal Father,
Thou art good beyond all
thought,
But I am vile, wretched, miserable,
blind;

My lips are ready to confess,
but my heart is slow to feel,
and my ways reluctant to amend.
I bring my soul to Thee; break it,
wound it, bend it, mould it.

Unmask to me sin's deformity,
that I may hate it, abhor it, flee
from it.

My faculties have been a weapon
of revolt against Thee; as a rebel I
have misused my strength, and
served the foul adversary of Thy
kingdom.

Give me grace to bewail my
insensate folly,
Grant me to know that the way of
transgressors is hard, that evil
paths are wretched paths, that to
depart from Thee is to lose all
good.

I have seen the purity and beauty
of Thy perfect law, the happiness

of those in whose heart it reigns,
the calm dignity of the walk to
which it calls, yet I daily violate
and condemn its precepts.

Thy loving Spirit strives within
me, brings me Scripture warnings,
speaks in startling providences,
allures by secret whispers, yet I
choose devices and desires to my
own hurt, impiously resent, grieve,
and provoke Him to abandon me.

All these sins I mourn, lament,
and for them cry pardon.
Work in me more profound and
abiding repentance;

Give me the fullness of a godly
grief that trembles and fears,
yet ever trusts and loves, which is
ever powerful, and ever confident;
Grant that through the tears of
repentance I may see more clearly
the brightness and glories of the
saving cross.

Valley of Vision

Assurance of Forgiveness—Psalm 86:3–5

³ Be gracious to me, O Lord, For to You I cry all day long. ⁴ Make glad the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ⁵ For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.

Congregational Hymn—All I Have is Christ

Verse 1

I once was lost in darkest night,
Yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave.
I had no hope
that you would own
A rebel to Your will.
And if You had
not loved me first,
I would refuse You still.

You looked upon
my helpless state
And led me to the cross.
And I beheld
God's love displayed,
You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath
reserved for me,
Now all I know is grace.

[Refrain]

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Verse 2

But as I ran my hell-bound race,
Indiff'rent to the cost,

Jordan Kauflin

Confession of Faith

Although God created man upright and perfect, and gave him a righteous law, which had been unto life had he kept it, and threatened death upon the breach thereof,¹ yet he did not long abide in this honor; Satan using the subtlety of the serpent to subdue Eve, then by her seducing Adam, who, without any compulsion, did willfully transgress the law of their creation, and the command given to them, in eating the forbidden fruit,² which God was pleased, according to His wise and holy counsel to permit, having purposed to order it to His own glory.

¹ Gen. 2:16–17

² Gen. 3:12–13; 2 Cor. 11:3

Our first parents, by this sin, fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and we in them whereby death came upon all:³ all becoming dead in sin,⁴ and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body.⁵

³ Rom. 3:23

⁴ Rom 5:12, etc.

⁵ Titus 1:15; Gen. 6:5; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:10–19

They being the root, and by God's appointment, standing in the room and stead of all mankind, the guilt of the sin was imputed, and corrupted nature conveyed, to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation,⁶ being now conceived in sin,⁷ and by nature children of wrath,⁸ the servants of sin, the subjects of death,⁹ and all other miseries, spiritual, temporal, and eternal, unless the Lord Jesus set them free.¹⁰

6 Rom. 5:12–19; 1 Cor. 15:21–22, 45, 49

7 Ps. 51:5; Job 14:4

8 Eph. 2:3

9 Rom. 6:20, 5:12

10 Heb. 2:14–15; 1 Thess. 1:10

From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil,¹¹ do proceed all actual transgressions.¹²

11 Rom. 8:7; Col. 1:21

12 James 1:14–15; Matt. 15:19

London Baptist Confession, 1689

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Genesis 3:1-7

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’”

²The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

³but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die!

⁵For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

Congregational Hymn—His Mercy is More

[Refrain]

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

Verse 1

What love could remember
No wrongs we have done
Omniscient all-knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
Without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

[Refrain]

Verse 2

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam

What Father so tender
Is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest
The vilest the poor
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

[Refrain]

Verse 3

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
We could never afford
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

[Refrain]

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell

New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 7:14-25

¹⁴ For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

¹⁶ But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good.

¹⁷ So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

¹⁹ For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

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²⁰ But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

²¹ I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

²² For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,

²³ but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

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—

“The Deceitfulness of Sin” Matthew 27:12-25

Todd Friel

Song of Response—Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Amazing grace!	I once was lost
How sweet the sound	but now am found,
That saved a wretch like me!	Was blind, but now I see.

John Newton

Commission

Benediction—Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰ Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, ²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 worshiping 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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