



*Alpharetta*

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

March 29th, 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 AM

#### Announcements

- **This Thursday @ “3:15-Equipped”:** *“Why Easter Is ‘The Most Wonderful Time of the Year’”*. Starts @ 7 PM. Come early to eat and fellowship!
- **Good Friday Service @ 7 PM.** Please plan to be with us for a time of remembrance of our Savior’s death.
- **Join us for our Easter brunch next Sunday @ 9 AM.** Bring a friend to church!
- **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

Most have heard of the Hope Diamond, but do you know about the Koh-i-Noor? The Hope is legendary, yet it has been appraised; its value is known. The Koh-i-Noor, on the other hand, is considered priceless—its worth cannot be agreed upon.

In a far greater and incomparable way, the Lord Jesus is a precious stone. Today's sermon passage speaks of Jesus being "choice and precious in the sight of God". Let us fix our eyes on the One God Himself esteems as infinitely valuable—and let us worship Him!

### Prelude

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 118:22-24

Leader: The stone which the builders rejected

**All: Has become the chief corner *stone*.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing;

**All: It is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## Congregational Hymn—Rejoice, the Lord is King

### Verse 1

Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart;  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

### Verse 2

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains,  
He took His seat above.

Lift up your heart;  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

### Verse 4

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
For Christ the Judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart;  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Charles Wesley

## 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

Almighty and most holy God, I humbly acknowledge that I am a sinner in thought, word, and deed. I have transgressed Your holy law in every part of my life; I have sinned in ignorance and with knowledge, in weakness and in stubbornness, in secret and in open sight. I have loved the world, my own will, and fleeting comforts more than You; I have rebelled against Your commands, grieved Your Spirit, and failed to glorify Your name.

O Lord, I confess particularly that I have not esteemed Jesus Christ as I ought. I have neglected His glory, undervalued His grace, and sought my own pleasures above His surpassing worth. I have treated His cross with indifference, His righteousness with contempt, and His love as ordinary, not precious. I have refused to delight in Him as my treasure, my life, my hope, and my all. I have been slow to trust Him, quick to doubt Him, and sluggish to obey Him, forgetting that in Him alone is my salvation, joy, and security.

Lord Jesus, forgive this grievous sin. Teach me to see Your beauty, to treasure Your person above all things, to embrace You as the living Stone, the rejected yet chosen and precious One, in whom all fullness dwells. Grant that my heart may ever delight in You, my mind meditate on You, and my life be built upon You, my sure foundation, my eternal portion, and my only joy.

For the glory of Your name and the sake of Your mercy, I pray. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness—Ephesians 1:3–5

<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love <sup>5</sup> He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

## Congregational Hymn—Hallelujah, What a Savior!

### Verse 1

“Man of sorrows!” what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Sealed my pardon  
with His blood;  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

### Verse 2

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place  
condemned He stood,

### Verse 3

Guilty, vile and helpless we,  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement! Can it be?  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Phillip P. Bliss

## Confession of Faith

### Chapter 8: Of Christ the Mediator

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, according to the covenant made between them both, to be the mediator between God and man;<sup>1</sup> the prophet,<sup>2</sup> priest,<sup>3</sup> and king;<sup>4</sup> head and savior of the church,<sup>5</sup> the heir of all things,<sup>6</sup> and judge of the world;<sup>7</sup> unto whom He did from all eternity give a people to be His seed and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.<sup>8</sup>

1 Isa. 42:1; 1 Pet. 1:19–20 2 Acts 3:22

3 Heb. 5:5–6

4 Ps. 2:6; Luke 1:33

5 Eph. 1:22–23

6 Heb. 1:2

7 Acts 17:31

8 Isa. 53:10; John 17:6; Rom. 8:30

London Baptist Confession of Faith, 1689

## Pastoral Prayer

## Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 8:11-15

<sup>11</sup> For thus the Lord spoke to me with mighty power and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying,

<sup>12</sup> “You are not to say, ‘It is a conspiracy!’

In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy,

And you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it.

<sup>13</sup> “It is the Lord of hosts whom you should regard as holy.

And He shall be your fear,

And He shall be your dread.

<sup>14</sup> “Then He shall become a sanctuary;

But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over,

And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

<sup>15</sup> “Many will stumble over them,

Then they will fall and be broken;

They will even be snared and caught.”

## Congregational Hymn—Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Verse 1 (Choir only first time)

Christ is made

the sure foundation,

Christ the head and cornerstone,

Chosen of the Lord

and precious,

Binding all the Church in one,

Holy Zion’s help forever,

And her confidence alone.

Verse 4

Laud and honor to the Father,

Laud and honor to the Son,

Laud and honor to the Spirit,

Ever Three and ever One;

One in might and One in glory

While unending ages run.

John Mason Neale

## New Testament Scripture Reading—Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup> On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem;

<sup>6</sup> and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent.

<sup>7</sup> When they had placed them in the center, they began to inquire, “By what power, or in what name, have you done this?”

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<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people,

<sup>9</sup> if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well,

<sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health.

<sup>11</sup> He is the **STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED** by you, **THE BUILDERS**, but **WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER** stone.

<sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

### **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.

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

### **Preaching of the Word—**

**“Your Precious Savior”**

**1 Peter 2:4-8**

Todd Friel

## Song of Response—The Solid Rock

### Verse 1

My hope is built  
on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood  
and righteousness;  
I dare not trust  
the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

### [Refrain]

On Christ, the solid Rock,  
I stand;  
All other ground  
is sinking sand,  
All other ground  
is sinking sand.

### Verse 4

When He shall come  
with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then  
in Him be found;  
Dressed in His  
righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand  
before the throne.

### [Refrain]

Edward Mote

## Presentation of New Members

### Commission

### Benediction—

“Now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is precious in the sight of God and to all who believe, be with your spirit, establishing you as living stones built upon Him, the chosen and cornerstone. May the Spirit open your eyes to behold the beauty and excellence of Christ, so that your hearts may treasure Him, your minds meditate on Him, and your lives be conformed to Him.”

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

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Prayer of Confession - Anonymous

## SERMON NOTES

List the SEVEN facets of the Stone

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How might the knowledge that you possess the most precious stone affect the way you respond to disappointment, loss, and frustration?

**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**

**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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