



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

September 7th, 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

- **Don't miss our Bible study opportunities. Sundays @ 9 a.m. and 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

Following our Old Testament reading, we will sing, “What Wondrous Love Is This”. In the first verse, we will express our amazement over the massive toll our sin placed on our Savior, “What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, That caused the Lord of bliss, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.” Let’s prepare our hearts to worship our amazing Savior who showed His wondrous love for us on the cross.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 103:1-5

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget none of His benefits;**

Leader: Who pardons all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases;

**All: Who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;**

Leader: Who satisfies your years with good things,

All: *So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle.

Congregational Hymn—10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

[Chorus]

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up,
it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the
evening comes

[Chorus]

Verse 2

You're rich in love
and You're slow to anger
Your name is great
and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find

[Chorus]

Matt Redman

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.

The Lord's Supper—Instruction & Reflection

Corporate Prayer of Confession

GRACIOUS LORD,
Thy name is love,
in love receive my prayer.
My sins are more than the wide
sea's sand,
but where sin abounds,
there is grace more abundant.

Look to the cross of Thy beloved
Son,
and view the preciousness of His
atoning blood;
Listen to His never-failing
intercession,
and whisper to my heart, 'Thy sins
are forgiven,
be of good cheer, lie down in
peace.'

Grace cataracts from heaven and
flows for ever,
and mercy never wearies in
bestowing benefits.

Grant me more and more
to prize the privilege of prayer,
to come to Thee as a sin-soiled
sinner,
to find pardon in Thee,
to converse with Thee;

to know Thee in prayer as
the path in which my feet tread,
the latch upon the door of my
lips,
the light that shines through my
eyes,
the music of my ears,
the marrow of my understanding,
the strength of my will,
the power of my affection,
the sweetness of my memory.

May the matter of my prayer be
always wise, humble, submissive,
obedient, scriptural, Christ-like.

Give me unwavering faith
that supplications are never in
vain,
that if I seem not to obtain my
petitions
I shall have larger, richer answers,
surpassing all that I ask or think.

Unsought, Thou hast given me
the greatest gift, the person of
Thy Son,
and in Him Thou wilt give me all
I need.

Valley of Vision

Assurance of Forgiveness—Romans 5:6–8

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the
ungodly. ⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps
for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸ But God
demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.

Congregational Hymn—I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Verse 1

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one,
Lay down upon my breast.”
I come to Jesus, as I was, so
weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

Verse 2

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

Horatius Bonar

Confession of Faith

Chapter 2: Of God and the Holy Trinity

The Lord our God is but one only living and true God;¹ whose subsistence is in and of Himself,² infinite in being and perfection; whose essence cannot be comprehended by any but Himself;³ a most pure spirit,⁴ invisible, without body, parts, or passions, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto;⁵ who is immutable,⁶ immense,⁷ eternal,⁸ incomprehensible, almighty,⁹ every way infinite, most holy,¹⁰ most wise, most free, most absolute; working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most righteous will,¹¹ for His own glory;¹² most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him,¹³ and withal most just and terrible in His judgments,¹⁴ hating all sin,¹⁵ and who will by no means clear the guilty.¹⁶

1 1 Cor. 8:4,6; Deut. 6:4

2 Jer. 10:10; Isa. 48:12

3 Exod. 3:14

4 John 4:24

5 1 Tim. 1:17; Deut. 4:15–16

6 Mal. 3:6

7 1 Kings 8:27; Jer. 23:23

8 Ps. 90:2

9 Gen. 17:1

10 Isa. 6:3

11 Ps. 115:3; Isa. 46:10

12 Prov. 16:4; Rom. 11:36

13 Exod. 34:6–7; Heb. 11:6

14 Neh. 9:32–33

15 Ps. 5:5–6

16 Exod. 34:7; Nahum 1:2–3

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Psalm 103:8-14

⁸ The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

⁹ He will not always strive *with us*,
Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.

¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

¹² As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ Just as a father has compassion on *his* children,
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.

¹⁴ For He Himself knows our frame;
He is mindful that we are *but* dust.

Congregational Hymn—What Wondrous Love Is This

Verse 1

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my
soul.

Verse 2

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down,
sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for
my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for
my soul.

New Testament Scripture Reading—John 15:8-17

⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

⁹ Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

¹² "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

¹⁴ You are My friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵ No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶ You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

¹⁷ This I command you, that you love one another.

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—

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

Matthew 27:26-34

Todd Friel

Song of Response—What Wondrous Love Is This

Verse 3

To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb

Who is the great “I AM”;
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme,
I will sing.

American Folk Hymn

Commission

Benediction—2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

Assisting in Worship: Preaching - Pastor/Todd Friel; Service Leader - Pastor/Jason Allen;
Musicians: Piano - Francine Lowe; Song Leaders - Elisabeth Lowe, Julie Sandfrey, Jennifer Snowden
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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 worshipping 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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