



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

December 21st, 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 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 re-enforces 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

- **Plan to be with us Wednesday for Christmas Eve. Service starts at 5 p.m.**
- **Sunday school resumes January 4th.**
- **3:15 Equipped begins Thursday, January 8th. Bring dinner or a snack and prepare to be equipped!**
- **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

“Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room,”. We’ve sung “Joy to the World” countless times but have you ever considered the petition that’s made there in the first verse. The Word become flesh left glory in order to redeem His people. At Jesus’ first coming, there was no room found for Him. Does He find room in your daily life? Is your sanctification marked by His presence. As we prepare for this Christmas, let us, in our hearts, prepare Him room.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 25:4-5

Leader: Make me know Your ways, O Lord;

All: Teach me Your paths.

Leader: Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation;

All: For You I wait all the day.

Congregational Hymn—Joy to the World!

Verse 1

Joy to the world!
The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven
and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Verse 4

He rules the world
with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders,
of His love.

Isaac Watts

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, my mind is not what You created it to be.
Sin has bent my thoughts, weakened my judgment,
and made me prone to foolishness, pride, and fear.
I see how quickly my thoughts wander from You,
how easily I forget Your promises,
how often I listen to lies rather than truth.
I grieve that my mind does not think clearly, wisely, or purely.
I confess that this brokenness is my own doing—
the fruit of sin that I have tolerated rather than resisted.

Have mercy on me, Lord.
Cleanse me through the blood of Christ.
Renew my mind by Your Spirit.
Strengthen my will to pursue the disciplines You have given
as means of life and joy: prayer, meditation on Your Word, and the
sweet fellowship of Your people.

Teach me to think in ways that honor You.
Make Your truth more compelling to me than my desires.
Make obedience sweeter than sin.
Restore in me a mind that discerns what is good, pure, and pleasing to
You. Make me like Christ—in my thoughts, affections, decisions, and
desires.

For His glory alone I pray.
Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—1 Thessalonians 5:23

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may
your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregational Hymn—O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Verse 3

O Lord, my Rock
and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross
laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered
bled and died

You rose, the grave and death
are conquered
You broke my bonds
of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock
and my Redeemer
May all my days
bring glory to Your Name

Nathan Stiff

Confession of Faith

Chapter 13: Of Sanctification

They who are united to Christ, effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, are also farther sanctified, really and personally,¹ through the same virtue, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them;² the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed,³ and the several lusts of it are more and more weakened and mortified,⁴ and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces,⁵ to the practice of all true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.⁶ This sanctification is throughout the whole man,⁷ yet imperfect in this life; there abides still some remnants of corruption in every part,⁸ wherefrom arises a continual and irreconcilable war; the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.⁹

1 Acts 20:32; Rom. 6:5–6

2 John 17:17; Eph. 3:16–19; 1 Thess. 5:21–23

3 Rom. 6:14

4 Gal. 5:24

5 Col. 1:11

6 2 Cor. 7:1; Heb. 12:14

7 1 Thess. 5:23

8 Rom. 7:18,23

9 Gal. 5:17; 1 Pet. 2:11

London Baptist Confession, 1689

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Genesis 3:1-8

¹ Now 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?’”

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

³ but 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.’”

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

⁵ For 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.”

⁶ When 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.

⁷ Then 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.

⁸ They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Congregational Hymn—May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

Verse 1

May the mind of Christ,
my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow’r controlling
All I do and say.

Verse 2

May the Word of God
dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,

So that all may see I triumph
Only through His pow’r.

Verse 4

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing
This is victory.

Kate B. Wilkinson

New Testament Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:17-24

¹⁷ So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,
¹⁸ being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;
¹⁹ and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.
²⁰ But you did not learn Christ in this way,
²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,
²² that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,
²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
²⁴ and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

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—

“Born For Your Sanctification”

Acts 2:41-42

Todd Friel

Song of Response—Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom,
and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee
and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father,
I Thy true son,
Thou in my dwelling,
and I with Thee one.

Mary E. Byrne

Commission

Benediction—Philippians 4:7

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SERMON NOTES

List the SIX Means of Growth

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Challenges:

What might your strategy be this week to improve the renewal of your mind?

Are you willing to commit to Sunday School and Thursday night studies? Why or why not?

**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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