



*Alpharetta*

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

August 31st, 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. (All midweek studies resume 9/4)**
- **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

What can you put stock in? Seriously, how many guarantees can you truly bank on? So-called “sure deals” and promises made are not so sure at all, but as empty as the breath that uttered them.

Assurances are only as reliable as the guarantor who issues them—and therein lies the problem.

However, there is one offer that is more certain than the sun that rose this morning. We can rest assured in the eternal security offered by our great God because we can rest assured in Him.

Salvation from sin was orchestrated by God the Father, fulfilled by God the Son, and sealed by God the Spirit. Therefore, if you are in Christ, your eternal security is assured.

### Prelude

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 89:1-4

Leader: I will sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever;  
To all generations I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth.

**All: For I have said, “Lovingkindness will be built up forever;  
In the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness.”**

Leader: “I have made a covenant with My chosen;  
I have sworn to David My servant,

**All: I will establish your seed forever  
And build up your throne to all generations.” *Selah.***

## Congregational Hymn—Give to Our God Immortal Praise

### Verse 1

Give to our God immortal praise;  
Mercy and truth are all His ways;  
Wonders of grace  
to God belong,  
Repeat His mercies in your song.

### Verse 4

He sent His Son  
with pow'r to save  
From guilt, and darkness,  
and the grave;

Wonders of grace  
to God belong,  
Repeat His mercies in your song.

### Verse 5

Through this vain world  
He guides our feet  
And leads us to His heav'nly seat;  
His mercies ever shall endure,  
When this our world  
shall be no more.

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

O God of Grace,

I mourn my cold, listless, heartless prayers; their poverty adds sin to sin.

If my hope were in them I should be undone, but the worth of Jesus perfumes my feeble breathings, and wins their acceptance.

Deepen my contrition of heart, strengthen my grasp of Thy pardoning love.

Not only do I sin when I let my mind wander, but I allow my prayers to be hindered, or broken off from lack of zeal, or because I do not persevere.

I confess my sin of unbelief, of doubt of Thy mercy, of mistrust of Thy truth, of neglect of Thy

commands, of fear of the power of men, of the love of praise, and the shame of being thought old-fashioned, of being ashamed of Christ and His cross.

Let me not sink into a pit of despond with a heart unbelieving and discouraged.

Forgive my lack of boldness in testimony, my sloth in prayer, my frequent neglect of the means of grace, my hesitating conformity to the spirit of the world, my bringing dishonour upon Thy cause, my lack of the compassion that Christ showed.

Have mercy on me, O God, and draw me from my natural corruption to a more decisive and constant devotion to thee.

Valley of Vision

## Assurance of Forgiveness—Hebrews 6:17–19

<sup>17</sup> In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, <sup>18</sup> so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.

<sup>19</sup> This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,

## Congregational Hymn—O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

### Verse 1

O Love that will not let me go,	That in Thine ocean depths
I rest my weary soul in Thee;	its flow
I give Thee back the life I owe,	May richer, fuller be.

George Matheson

## Confession of Faith

### Chapter 17: Of the Perseverance of the Saints

Those whom God has accepted in the beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, and given the precious faith of his elect unto, can neither totally nor finally fall from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved, seeing the gifts and callings of God are without repentance, from which source he still begets and nourishes in them faith, repentance, love, joy, hope, and all the graces of the Spirit unto immortality;<sup>1</sup> and though many storms and floods arise and beat against them, yet they shall never be able to take them off that foundation and rock which by faith they are fastened upon; notwithstanding, through unbelief and the temptations of Satan, the sensible sight of the light and love of God may for a time be clouded and obscured from them,<sup>2</sup> yet he is still the same, and they shall be sure to be kept by the power of God unto salvation, where they shall enjoy their purchased possession, they being engraved upon the palm of his hands, and their names having been written in the book of life from all eternity.<sup>3</sup>

1 John 10:28,29; Phil. 1:6; 2 Tim. 2:19; 1 John 2:19

2 Ps. 89:31–32; 1 Cor. 11:32

3 Mal. 3:6

London Baptist Confession, 1689

## Pastoral Prayer

## Old Testament Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 7:6-11

<sup>6</sup> For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

<sup>7</sup> “The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

<sup>8</sup> but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

<sup>10</sup> but repays those who hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, you shall keep the commandment and the statutes and the judgments which I am commanding you today, to do them.

## Congregational Hymn—Before the Throne of God Above

### Verse 1

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest  
whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands.  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav’n  
He stands,  
No tongue can bid me  
thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me  
thence depart.

### Verse 2

When Satan tempts me  
to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look  
and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me;  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Vikki Cook and Charitie Lees Bancroft

## **New Testament Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a  
living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
<sup>4</sup> to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will  
not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,  
<sup>5</sup> who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation  
ready to be revealed in the last time.  
<sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if  
necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,  
<sup>7</sup> so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is  
perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise  
and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;  
<sup>8</sup> and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do  
not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy  
inexpressible and full of glory,  
<sup>9</sup> obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

### **Prayer: Prepare Our Hearts**

## **Congregational Song of Preparation—Speak O Lord**

### **Verse 1**

Speak, O Lord,  
as we come to You  
To receive the food  
of Your holy Word  
Take Your truth,  
plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us  
in Your likeness

That the light of Christ  
might be seen today  
In our acts of love  
and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend



## Preaching of the Word—

### “Eternally Secure” Romans 8:31-39

Dr. John Crotts

## Song of Response—Before the Throne of God Above

Verse 3

Behold Him there,  
the risen Lamb!

My perfect  
spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of Glory  
and of Grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die;

My soul is purchased  
by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ  
on high,  
With Christ, my Savior  
and my God;  
With Christ, my Savior  
and my God!

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## Commission

## Benediction—Jude 24–25

<sup>24</sup> Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Assisting in Worship: Preaching - Pastor/Dr. John Crotts; 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 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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