



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

September 6th, 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.

#1 We endeavor to make our services coherent. As we offer each regulated element of worship, you will notice each element is about ONE subject.

#2 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.

#3 It is our desire that you will leave our worship service not just knowing more, but loving the true and living God more.

#4 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 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Your Children’s Ministry Needs You**

Caring for and discipling our children is a ministry we share as a church family.

There are opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights. Interested in serving or learning more?

Contact joanie@alpharettabiblechurch.org

- **Stand Fast — For Seasoned Saints**

Our new ministry begins 9/20. Sign up at the welcome center in the church lobby.

- **Single Professionals**

Please RSVP to joanie@alpharettabiblechurch.org so we can get a head count and begin planning events.

- **Young Faithful Households**

Married with small children? Connect with others in your season of life who want to honor the Lord in raising their families. Plan to gather at the Pridemore home on 9/20 from 5-7 p.m.

See Ben Pridemore or Nick Neidert for more information.

- **Bible Studies Resuming Soon**

Thursday night gatherings will begin 9/10 @ 7 p.m. and Sunday School will begin 9/13 @ 9 a.m.

IN PREPARATION

Psalm 15:1-5

¹ O Lord, who may abide in Your tent?

Who may dwell on Your holy hill?

² He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness,
And speaks truth in his heart.

³ He does not slander with his tongue,

Nor does evil to his neighbor,

Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

⁴ In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,

But who honors those who fear the Lord;

He swears to his own hurt and does not change;

⁵ He does not put out his money at interest,

Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things will never be shaken.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 24:3-5

Leader: Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord?

All: And who may stand in His holy place?

Leader: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**All: Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood
And has not sworn deceitfully.**

Leader: He shall receive a blessing from the Lord

All: And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Congregational Hymn—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 4

Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance,
now and always;
Thou and Thou only,

first in my heart,
High King of heaven,
my Treasure Thou art.

Verse 5

High King of heaven,
my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Eleanor Hull, Mary E. Byrne

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

Our gracious God and heavenly Father,

We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
We have often followed our own desires rather than Your holy Word.
We have been proud instead of humble, selfish instead of sacrificial,
impatient instead of patient, and anxious instead of trusting You.
We have failed to cultivate self-control, perseverance, godliness,
brotherly kindness, and love.

CONT'D

We confess that we have sometimes looked more like the world than like Christ. We have allowed the world's values, desires, ambitions, and priorities to shape us. We have sought the approval of people rather than the approval of God and have been reluctant to stand apart when faithfulness to Christ required it. Forgive us, Father.

Give us grace and power to not merely avoid evil, but to pursue what is good, right, lovely and worthy of praise. Make us humble, pure, faithful, self-controlled, merciful, and loving. Transform us by Your Word and Spirit and conform us increasingly into the image of Christ. May our lives adorn the gospel, testify that we belong to You, and cause others to give glory to You.

Sanctify us, strengthen us, and enable us to live truly virtuous lives before You.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—Romans 5:1–2

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

Congregational Hymn—All My Boast Is in Jesus

Verse 1

What wonder of wonders,
what love is this,
that Christ would die for me!
His goodness, His merit,
His righteousness,
this sinner's only plea.
O foolish pride, be crucified;
the work is finished!

[Chorus]

All my boast is in Jesus;
all my hope is His love,
and I will glory forever
in what the cross has done.
O praise the One forever blessed;
Him alone my heart adores.
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ,
my Lord.

Verse 2

Now fully forgiven
my life is filled
with graces undeserved.
For mercy that flowed down
that sacred hill,
let praises now return.
Rise up, my soul,
and bless the Lord!
Who else is worthy?

[Chorus]

Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Matt
Boswell, Matt Papa

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

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

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—1 Samuel 12:19-24

¹⁹ Then all the people said to Samuel, “Pray for your servants to the Lord your God, so that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins this evil by asking for ourselves a king.”

²⁰ Samuel said to the people, “Do not fear. You have committed all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart.

²¹ You must not turn aside, for then you would go after futile things which can not profit or deliver, because they are futile.

²² For the Lord will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because the Lord has been pleased to make you a people for Himself.

²³ Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way.

²⁴ Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.

Congregational Hymn—Take My Life and Let It Be

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my moments and my days—
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 2

Take my hands
and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee,
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Verse 3

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from Thee,
filled with messages from Thee.

Verse 4

Take my silver and my gold—
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Frances Ridley Havergal

New Testament Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:1-11

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

² He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

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 Virtuous Life”

2 Peter 1:1-3

Todd Friel

Song of Response—Take My Life and Let It Be

Verse 5

Take my will and make it Thine
—it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart—it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne,
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Verse 6

Take my love—my Lord, I pour
at Thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only all for Thee,
ever, only all for Thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal

Commission

Benediction—1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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. ²⁴ Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

SERMON NOTES

What is Peter's main concern in this letter?

Why do you think Peter wanted to stress living a virtuous life as his last will and testament?

What danger do false teachers pose regarding the virtuous life?

How can living a virtuous life quickly become legalism?

What is our motivation for living the virtuous life?

**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.**

ONLINE GIVING LINK:



LEADERSHIP

Todd Friel, Pastor/Elder

Bob Bishop, Deacon

Jason Allen, Pastor/Elder

John Butman, Deacon

Todd Armistead, Elder

Brooks Clark, Deacon

Steve Howerton, Deacon

Gil Snowden, 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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