



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

May 10th, 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 a.m.

Announcements

- **Our midweek Bible Study will resume in the Fall.**
- **Sunday School will resume in the Fall. Fellowship and Care Group gatherings are encouraged throughout the Summer.**
- **ABC Members, please plan to stay for our Member Meeting following the worship service next week, 5/17, to vote for our Elder/Deacon nominees.**
- **Please plan on joining us for a special potluck following our church service on Sunday, May 24th as we recognize and celebrate what the Lord has done in the lives of our graduates!**
- **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

It is our habit to select the main theme of the sermon and build the entire service around that theme. Today, we have two themes: strength and gentleness. Our text encourages men to not be one or the other, but both strong and gentle. That is not an easy balance to strike, and so we turn our eyes to the One who is supremely strong and infinitely gentle, our Triune God. As we make our way through the liturgy, see if you can identify those two themes.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Psalm 18:31-35

Leader: For who is God, but the Lord?
And who is a rock, except our God,

**All: The God who girds me with strength
And makes my way blameless?**

Leader: He makes my feet like hinds' *feet*,
And sets me upon my high places.

**All: He trains my hands for battle,
So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.**

Leader: You have also given me the shield of Your salvation,

**All: And Your right hand upholds me;
And Your gentleness makes me great.**

Congregational Hymn—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
Oh my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord, who doth
prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Joachim Neander

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 Lord God, holy and righteous in all Your ways, we come before You acknowledging that we have sinned against You in thought, in word, and in deed.

We confess that our hidden imaginations and inward desires have often strayed from what is holy and pleasing to You.

We confess also our sins of word. We have spoken hastily, unkindly, and without love. Our tongues have not always been bridled, nor our speech seasoned with grace.

We confess our sins of deed. We have failed to do the good we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done.

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. According to Your abundant compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—1 John 2:1–2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins;

Congregational Hymn—His Mercy Is More

Verse 1

What love could remember,
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all-knowing,
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea,
without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

[Chorus]

Praise the Lord,
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness,
new every morn
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait,
as we constantly roam
What Father so tender,

is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

[Chorus]

Verse 3

What riches of kindness,
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt,
we could never afford
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more

[Chorus]

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

London Baptist Confession, 1689

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 42:1-4

¹ “Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold;
My chosen one in whom My soul delights.
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the nations.

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² “He will not cry out or raise His voice,
Nor make His voice heard in the street.

³ “A bruised reed He will not break
And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish;
He will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ “He will not be disheartened or crushed
Until He has established justice in the earth;
And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law.”

Congregational Hymn—Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God, My Father;
There is no shadow
of turning with Thee.
Thou changes not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been,
Thou forever wilt be.

Sun, moon and stars
in their courses above
Join with all nature
in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

[Refrain]

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy
hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Verse 3

Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine
with ten thousand beside!

[Refrain]

Verse 2

Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,

Thomas O. Chisholm

New Testament Scripture Reading — John 11:38-44

38 So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

39 Jesus said, “Remove the stone.” Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days.”

40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

41 So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

42 I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.”

43 When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.”

44 The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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 Relationship with Your Wife” 1 Peter 3:7

Todd Friel

Song of Response—Doxology

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him,
all creatures here below;

Praise Him above,
ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Thomas Ken

Commission

Benediction—1 Timothy 6:15-16

To Him who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

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, Eunice Montecillo, Alex McCurley

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Prayer of Confession - Anonymous

SERMON NOTES

Three Commands

1. Live _____ your wife.
2. U _____ your wife.
3. H _____ your wife.

Six Reasons

1. The woman is _____.
2. Your wife is a fellow _____.
3. Your prayers will be _____.
4. Your wife might get _____.
5. You were _____ to this.
6. You will be acting like _____.

Gentlemen:

Have you been living with your wife, or just sharing space?

Can you truly say you have studied her?

Do you consult older men to help you respond rightly?

If your wife brings a deficiency to your attention, do you receive it gratefully?

Ladies:

Have you attempted to help your husband be a godly leader? If so, how?

When you are disappointed in your husband's leadership, how do you bring it to his attention? Do you need to adjust HOW you do that?

How will you find the strength to be a joy-filled believer even when your husband is failing in his leadership? (Think 1 Peter 2: 21-25).

**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

Fellowship at 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:30 a.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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