



Alpharetta

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

June 28th, 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

- **Youth camp sign-up closes soon. Please register as soon as possible.**
- **Interested in becoming a member of ABC? Click “Connect” then “Membership” 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” then “Volunteer” to complete the form or request more information.**

IN PREPARATION

1 Peter 2:21-25

²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;

²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Prelude

Call to Worship—Isaiah 40:10-11

Leader: Behold, the Lord God will come with might,

All: With His arm ruling for Him.

Leader: Behold, His reward is with Him

All: And His recompense before Him.

Leader: Like a shepherd He will tend His flock,

All: In His arm He will gather the lambs

And carry *them* in His bosom;

He will gently lead the nursing *ewes*.

Congregational Hymn—Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Verse 1

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need Thy tender care.
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us -
Thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us -
Thine we are.

Verse 2

We are Thine;
do Thou befriend us.
Be the guardian of our way.
Keep Thy flock,

from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, oh, hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, oh, hear us when we pray.

Verse 4

Early let us seek Thy favor,
early let us do Thy will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with Thy love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Henry F. Lyte

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

Eternal Father,
Thou art good beyond all thought,
But I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind;
My lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel,
and my ways reluctant to amend.

I bring my soul to Thee; break it, wound it, bend it, mold it.
Unmask to me sin's deformity, that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it.
My faculties have been a weapon of revolt against Thee; as a rebel I
have misused my strength, and served the foul adversary of Thy
kingdom.

CONT'D

Give me grace to bewail my insensate folly,
Grant me to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths
are wretched paths, that to depart from Thee is to lose all good.
I have seen the purity and beauty of Thy perfect law, the happiness of
those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity of the walk to which it
calls, yet I daily violate and contemn its precepts.

Thy loving Spirit strives within me, brings me Scripture warnings, speaks
in startling providences, allures by secret whispers, yet I choose devices
and desires to my own hurt, impiously resent, grieve, and provoke Him
to abandon me.

All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon.
Work in me more profound and abiding repentance;
Give me the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever
trusts and loves, which is ever powerful, and ever confident;
Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the
brightness and glories of the saving cross.
Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—John 10:27–29

²⁷ “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one
will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ “My Father, who has given them to
Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the
Father’s hand.

Congregational Hymn—O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace.

Verse 4

He breaks the pow’r
of canceled sin,
He sets the pris’ner free;
His blood can make
the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

Confession of Faith

We confess that Jesus Christ alone is the Chief Shepherd of His church, who laid down His life for the sheep, rose again, and now reigns in glory, guiding, guarding, and governing His people by His Word and Spirit.

We confess that pastors and elders are under-shepherds appointed by Christ, recognized by the church, and called to serve His people. They have no spiritual power or authority in themselves, and they shall not bind the conscience of God's people, except when they faithfully and accurately declare, teach, and apply the Word of God.

We confess that the church is preserved not by the wisdom or authority of men, the magisterium, or tradition, but by the living authority of Christ speaking through His Word, until He appears as the Chief Shepherd and rewards His flock.

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.

¹² As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day.

¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land.

¹⁴ I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down on good grazing ground and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

¹⁵ I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest,” declares the Lord God.

¹⁶ “I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment.

Congregational Hymn—The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Verse 1

The King of love
my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
and He is mine forever.

Verse 2

Where streams
of living water flow,
my ransomed soul He leadeth,
and where
the verdant pastures grow
with food, celestial feedeth.

Verse 4

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff
my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Verse 6

And so throughout
the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd,
may I sing Thy praise
within Thy house forever.

Henry W. Baker

New Testament Scripture Reading—John 10:11-18

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

¹² He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,
¹⁵ even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

¹⁶ I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

¹⁸ No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

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—

“Your Chief Shepherd” 1 Peter 5:1-5a

Todd Friel

Song of Response—The Lord’s My Shepherd

Verse 1

The Lord’s my Shepherd,
I’ll not want.
He makes me lie
in pastures green.
He leads me by
the still, still waters;
His goodness restores my soul.

it overflows with joy;
I feast on His pure delight.

Verse 3

And though I walk
the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one;
for You are with me,
and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

Verse 2

He guides my ways
in righteousness,
and He anoints
my head with oil;
and my cup,

Stuart Townend

Commission

Benediction—Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰ Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, ²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. 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

Who is the leader of Alpharetta Bible Church?

List 5 ways your Good Shepherd leads you:

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List ten of the additional expectations you should have for your elders:

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What is your role in Alpharetta Bible Church being a harmonious church?

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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