



*Alpharetta*

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

March 15th, 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 AM

#### Announcements

- **Elder/Deacon nomination recommendations close this evening.**
- **Join us for Sunday School - weekly @ 9 AM.**
- **This Thursday @ “3:15-Equipped”: Why Modesty Still Matters. Starts @ 7 PM. Come early to eat and fellowship!**
- **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

We will close today's worship service with the hymn, "I Will Glory In My Redeemer". Verse 3 will have us sing, "I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle's wings. He crowns my life with lovingkindness; His triumph song I'll ever sing."

The connection to our preaching passage is that we have the opportunity to sing the triumph song of our Redeemer, our Treasure, no matter what we face in this life.

### Prelude

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 115:1-3

Leader: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, But to Your name give glory

**All: Because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth.**

Leader: Why should the nations say, "Where, now, is their God?"

**All: But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.**

## Congregational Hymn—Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

### Verse 1

Sing praise to God  
who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of pow'r,  
the God of love,  
The God of our salvation.  
With healing balm  
my soul He fills.  
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

### Verse 2

What God's almighty  
pow'r hath made  
His gracious mercy keepeth.  
By morning glow  
or evening shade

His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of His might,  
Lo! All is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!

### Verse 3

The Lord is never far away,  
But, thru all grief distressing,  
An everpresent help and stay,  
Our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand  
He leads His own,  
His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

Johann J. Schutz

## 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,

No day of my life has passed that has not proved me guilty in Thy sight.  
Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart;  
praise has been often praiseless sound;  
my best services are filthy rags.

Blessed Jesus, let me find a covert in Thy appeasing wounds.  
Though my sins rise to heaven Thy merits soar above them;  
though unrighteousness weighs me down to hell,  
Thy righteousness exalts me to Thy throne.

All things in me call for my rejection,  
all things in Thee plead my acceptance.  
I appeal from the throne of perfect justice  
to Thy throne of boundless grace.

Grant me to hear Thy assuring voice,  
that by Thy stripes I am healed,  
that Thou wast bruised for my iniquities,  
that Thou hast been made sin for me  
that I might be righteous in Thee,  
that my grievous sins, my manifold sins,  
are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of Thy concealing blood.

Keep me always clinging to Thy cross,  
flood me every moment with descending grace.  
In Thy merciful name I pray. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness—Romans 8:1–2

<sup>1</sup> Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

## Congregational Hymn—To God Be the Glory

Verse 1

To God be the glory,  
great things He hath done;  
So loved He the world  
that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life  
an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate  
that all may go in.

[Refrain]

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
through Jesus, the Son,

And give Him the glory,  
great things He hath done!

Verse 2

O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood,  
To ev'ry believer  
the promise of God;  
The vilest offender  
who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus  
a pardon receives.

[Refrain]

Fanny J. Crosby

## Confession of Faith

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**All: That I am not my own, <sup>1</sup>but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, <sup>2</sup>to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, <sup>4</sup>and has set me free from all the power of the devil. <sup>5</sup>He also preserves me in such a way <sup>6</sup>that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; <sup>7</sup>indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life <sup>9</sup>and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. <sup>10</sup>**

1 1 Cor 6:19, 20.

2 Rom 14:7-9.

3 1 Cor 3:23; Tit 2:14.

4 1 Pet 1:18, 19; 1 Jn 1:7; 2:2.

5 Jn 8:34-36; Heb 2:14, 15; 1 Jn 3:8.

6 Jn 6:39, 40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess 3:3; 1 Pet 1:5.

7 Mt 10:29-31; Lk 21:16-18.

8 Rom 8:28.

9 Rom 8:15, 16; 2 Cor 1:21, 22; 5:5;

Eph 1:13, 14.

10 Rom 8:14.

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

## Pastoral Prayer

### Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40:28-31

<sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power.

<sup>30</sup> Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly,

<sup>31</sup> Yet those who wait for the Lord Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

### Congregational Hymn—Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

#### Verse 1

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shalt be.  
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped  
or known.

Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heav'n are still my own.

#### Verse 2

Let the world despise  
and leave me,  
They have left my Savior too.  
Human hearts and looks  
deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.

Oh, while Thou  
dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love and might,  
Foes may hate  
and friends disown me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.

#### Verse 3

Man may trouble and distress me,  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials  
hard may press me;  
Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh 'twere not in joy  
to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Henry Lyte

## **New Testament Scripture Reading—Romans 8:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

<sup>17</sup> and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

### **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—**

**“Fragile Frames and Priceless Treasure”  
2 Corinthians 4:7-15**

Jason Allen

## Song of Response—I Will Glory in My Redeemer

### Verse 2

I will glory in my Redeemer,  
My life He bought,  
my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another;  
I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer,  
His faithfulness,  
my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty  
and rush upon me,  
My feet are firm,  
held by His grace,  
My feet are firm,  
held by His grace.

### Verse 3

I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Who carries me  
on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life  
with lovingkindness;  
His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Who waits for me  
at gates of gold.  
And when He calls me,  
it will be paradise,  
His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold.

Steve and Vikki Cook

## Commission

### Benediction—Hebrews 13:20-21

<sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> 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 Jason Allen; Service Leader - Pastor Jason Allen;  
Musicians: Piano - Francine Lowe; Song Leaders - Elisabeth Lowe, Jennifer Snowden,  
Lindsay White, Lauren Glosson, Alex McCurley

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Prayer of Confession - Anonymous

## SERMON NOTES

**Question #1 - “What is ‘this treasure’ in verse 7 referring to?”**

**Question #2 - “Why are we, as the redeemed, referred to as earthen vessels?”**

**Question #3 - “Why does God entrust something so priceless to something so fragile?”**

**Question #4 - “How does the fact that we’re fragile frames housing priceless treasure impact our daily lives?”**

**In humble reliance upon the Word of God and prayer,  
Alpharetta Bible Church is committed to worshipping 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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