

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
9:00 a.m. | May 12, 2019

You honor us with your presence today. If you are a guest, please fill out the attachment on the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher before leaving the sanctuary so that we may have a record of your visit. **Please silence all electronic devices** out of consideration for your neighbors and so that all may worship without distraction. Thank you.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.*

**+ Prelude** *Andante con moto from Sonata No. V* Felix Mendelssohn  
Dan Lawhon

**Welcome** Rodney Franklin

**Choral Introit** *Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing* GELOBT SEI GOTT

**\* Processional Hymn No. 238** *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

**\* Litany** Linda Martin

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness;**

One: Come into his presence with singing.

**All: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.**

One: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.**

One: Give thanks to him and praise his name.

**All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**\* Invocation** Valerie Burton

**+\* Hymn No. 250** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* PROMISE

*Children are invited to come to the front during the last stanza.*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Sermon on the Steps** *The Good Shepherd* Pat Brown

**Scripture: Matthew 19:14** (pp. 898-899) Andrew Evans

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Celebration of Baptism** Don Lingle

Victoria Noelle Evans

*Following the baptism preschoolers and kindergartners are dismissed to Worship Care.*

**\*Hymn No. 482**

*Baptized of Water*

BUNESSAN

### Scripture Readings

First Lesson Psalm 23:1-6 (p. 491)

Second Lesson Acts 9:36-43 (p. 1003)

**\*Gospel Lesson** John 10:22-30 (p. 980)

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Dennis Hodtwalker

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Anthem

*Blessed Assurance*

arr. Nancy Wertsch

Covenant Choir  
Sherrie Lawhon, Soprano  
*Text – Hymn No. 839*

### Sermon

*Life Giving Acts*

Rodney Franklin

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### Invitation to Christian Commitment

Rodney Franklin

During the Hymn of Response, decisions of faith are welcomed and encouraged. Public decisions, such as professions of faith and a desire for baptism, church membership, and vocation, may be made with one of the ministers at the front of the sanctuary.

**\*Hymn of Response No. 187**

*Saviour, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

**\*Words of Dedication**

Marshall Burton

### Offertory Response

*Doxology*

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Offertory

*Andante tranquillo from Sonata No. III*  
Dan Lawhon

Felix Mendelssohn

**\*Announcements**

Taylor Bell

**\*Benediction**

Taylor Bell

**\*Postlude**

*Allegro vivace assai from Sonata No. 1*  
Dan Lawhon

Felix Mendelssohn

## WELCOME TO COVENANT

The family of Baptist Church of the Covenant welcomes you with acceptance of your race, color, ethnic or national origin, marital status, age, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, different abilities, and socioeconomic status. We invite you to find your spiritual home among us in this part of the Body of Christ.

Covenant was chartered as a church on December 20, 1970, after a group walked out of a large successful downtown Baptist church. The purpose of this march of freedom was to advance the cause of integration after a black mother and daughter had been denied membership. We are celebrating our 49th year of ministry with the same defining mission: allowing anyone to become members of the body of Christ through baptism and membership in a church.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this faith family, please see one of our ministers today or call for an appointment.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER – MAY 15

**Adults:** Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, dessert

**Children:** Spaghetti, green beans, fruit, garlic bread, dessert

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adults (\$6.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Children (\$3.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Drop this in the offering plate or call the church office by 3:30 p.m. on Monday.

**Put me on the permanent list.**

**Cancel me for this week.**

### RECORDING REQUEST

All services are available on CD or Mp3. Contact the church office with any CD or Mp3 requests. Please visit [www.bcoc.net/sermon-audio](http://www.bcoc.net/sermon-audio) for a recording of today's sermon.

\* All who are able please stand.

+ Those waiting may be seated. Early arrivers are asked to move to the center of the pews so that those arriving later may be easily seated.

Large print hymnals and amplifying devices are available in back of the sanctuary or ask an usher.

Bulletin cover by Steve Erspamer.

# WELCOME!

MAY 12, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Apt No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Family Members (with ages) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_ First time \_\_\_ Second time

Are you a church member? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Church \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

I am a guest of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ New in the community

I would like to learn more about:

\_\_\_ *Preschool and Children's Ministries*

\_\_\_ *Youth Ministries*

\_\_\_ *College Ministries*

\_\_\_ *Adult Bible Study*

\_\_\_ *Adult Ministry Involvement*

\_\_\_ *Music Ministries*

\_\_\_ *I would like information via mail.*

\_\_\_ *I would like to meet with a minister.*

I have prayer requests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Rodney Franklin's first Sunday in the pulpit as Baptist Church of the Covenant's Interim Pastor.

We welcome Rev. Don Lingle to our service today. A retired minister of music, Don is the grandfather of Victoria Evans.

The bulletin insert today details all the life-giving work the Alliance of Baptists are engaged in on a global scale.

Following worship, there is a time of fellowship for children, youth, and adults until 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School classes for all ages follow the fellowship time from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A list of all class offerings is available in the foyer.

**Photos available for pickup!** If you asked for your complimentary 8x10 photo to be delivered to BCOC, it has arrived. Check outside the church office in the clear wall bins in the hallway for your photo.

**AGO Hymn Festival, May 13, 7:00 p.m.** Church of the Ascension in Vestavia is hosting a Hymn Festival on Monday at 7:00 p.m. Our Covenant Choir will be singing *Blessed Assurance* with Sherrie Lawhon as a soloist. Admission is free and open to the public. Presented by the Birmingham Chapter of the American Guild of Organists the festival will the broad and varied traditions of congregational song across the denominations present in our area.

**Weekenders' Backpack Program, Tuesday, May 14** Another round of the Weekenders' Backpack Program this week at the Community Food Bank, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. This ministry provides food for grade school age children over weekends.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship** Join us this Wednesday for our Mission Friends end-of-the-year program. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Announcements and prayer will begin at 6:30 p.m. and then we will head to the sanctuary for the presentation. Dinner reservations can be made on the tear off portion of your bulletin.

**Spring Picnic, Sunday, May 19** Spring has sprung! Join us for a picnic at Crestwood Park immediately after Sunday School. Bring something to eat and your own picnic seat and/or blanket. For questions or to volunteer, contact Mark Ritter.

**Pastor Search Committee Elections** Nominations for and election of the Pastor Search Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 22. This business meeting will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. More information about can be found on the Looking Ahead page on the web.

**New Summer Sunday School Class, The Spiritual Practice of Haiku** For five weeks in June during the Sunday School hour, LaMon Brown is leading a class about the value of writing haiku and the nuances of its form. We will learn how to use haiku to unite past and presence, to pay attention to our world, to examine the seasons of life, to pair with *lectio divina*, and to become a haiku community. Please either let Josey or LaMon know if you are interested!



Rev. Dr. Rodney Franklin, Interim Pastor

Rev. Valerie Burton, Associate Pastor for  
Christian Formation



Dr. Dan Lawhon, Organist-Choirmaster

Rev. Taylor Bell, Minister for Community  
Engagement

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