

# COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

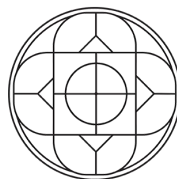
MARCH 17, 2024

† Congregation Standing (as able)



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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*There are children's activity bags on the white stand in the back, along with clipboards in the red basket for older children. The nursery is available for ages 0-3. The library is available for nursing mothers. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, children 4 years old - 2nd grade will be dismissed during the service for children's church.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available on the back table of the sanctuary.*

*Past sermon videos are available at [www.collegebaptist.org/sermons](http://www.collegebaptist.org/sermons). CDs of past services are available by contacting Laura Wilson at [office@collegebaptist.org](mailto:office@collegebaptist.org).*

### MEDITATION

May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. May thy salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore.  
Amen. — Prayer Attributed to St. Patrick (5<sup>th</sup> Century A.D.)

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 98: 1-2,4

Leader 1: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

Leader 2: The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**Congregation:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

## † PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

*Neander, Winkworth; Hymn 337*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

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 all thy longings have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

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.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the amen sound from his people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore him.

## † INVOCATION

### † 1 JOHN 5:11-13

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

## † BLESSED ASSURANCE

*Crosby, Knapp; Hymn 67*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

### CHORUS

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **CHORUS**

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Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **CHORUS**

## OFFERING & OFFERTORY

### † DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

### † HEBREWS 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

### † SPEAK, O LORD

*Getty, Townend; CCLI 4615235*

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.

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 power that can never fail: let their truth prevail over unbelief.

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.

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Bill Gray, Elder*

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## ROMANS 8:28-30

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

## SERMON: THE UNBREAKABLE CHAIN OF GOD'S PURPOSE

*Pastor Ben Cuthbert*

## †TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Crosby, Doane; Hymn 363*

To God be the glory—great things he has 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.

### CHORUS

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 thru Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory—great things he hath done!

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

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. **CHORUS**

## †BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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WHO'S WHO? *Boldface indicates board chair. Look inside the attendance pad for more information about board duties.*

PASTOR: Reverend Ben Cuthbert (bcuthbert@collegebaptist.org)

WORSHIP LEADERS: Kate Maxwell, Brietta Wilson ORGAN: Jan Ourensma PIANO: Julia Winter

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Jared Maxwell (jared.r.maxwell@gmail.com) SEXTON: Darrel Kratt

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MISSION BOARD: **Carol Bentley**, Susan Betz, Larry Gaetano, Lorissa Mekelburg, Sue Reed, Joanna Young

TRUSTEE BOARD: Doug Banbury, Ray Bentley, Andy Brown, Terry Reed, **Travis Wilson**

CLERK: Lisa Dugan EXPENSE TREASURER: Lisa Roberts LIBRARIAN: Peggy Stewart

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Megan Gray FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Laura Wilson

MOTHER'S HELPER MINISTRY: Shannon Westblade 517-610-6211 or shannonwestblade@gmail.com

*\*This elder will be available at the front of the church for ten minutes after the service for prayer.*

## 4:12 CENTER PROGRESS REPORT

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...”—Ephesians 4:12

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ray Bentley, Ben Cuthbert, Megan Gray, Rod Stewart, Don Westblade

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR: Bill Gray

ARCHITECT: InForm Architecture (informarchitect.com)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT: Church Growth Services (churchgrowthservices.com)

NEXT BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING: TBD

EXPENDITURES SINCE JUNE 27, 2021: \$222,713

BUILDING ADDITION FUND BALANCE: \$1,099,148

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES: \$348,652

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# THE BULLETIN BOARD

Sunday, March 17	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Upper Vestry)
Monday, March 18	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Monday, March 18	7:00 p.m.	Men's M.E.A.T. Bible Study (Nursery)
Wednesday, March 20	10:00 a.m.	Tidings of Comfort (Upper Vestry)
Wednesday, March 20	8:30 p.m.	College Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Thursday, March 21	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Upper Vestry)
Thursday, March 21	12:00 p.m.	Hour of Prayer (Library)
Sunday, March 24	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday, March 24	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service

**BRIDAL SHOWER** Please join us for a bridal shower for Taylor Bennett (Greg Bradford) on Saturday, **April 6 at 10:30 a.m.** at Sue Postle's home (85 Arbor View Court, Hillsdale). Taylor & Greg are registered at Crate & Barrel & Amazon. Please RSVP by March 30th to Sue at 440-823-1079 or susanpostle13@gmail.com.

**EASTER LILY** If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in memory of or in honor of someone, please sign the sheet on the podium in the narthex. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary for the Easter Sunday service. You can put your payment (checks payable to CBC) in Laura Wilson's mailbox in the library. Each Easter lily is \$10.

### SAVE THE DATES—HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024

Thursday, March 28, 2024—Maundy Thursday at College Baptist at 7:00 p.m. (with Communion)

Friday, March 29, 2024—Good Friday Service at College Baptist at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Owen Park (Baw Beese) Pavilion 1 at 6:45 a.m.

Sunday, March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday Worship Service at College Baptist at 10:45 a.m. (no Sunday School)

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** We will have our Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, **March 31 at 6:45 a.m.** at Baw Beese, Owens Park Pavilion 1. Please bring a breakfast item to share (see below) and lawn chairs/blankets. *We ask that your dishes be enough to serve 10-12 people.*

**College students:** fruit, yogurt, granola, toppings, etc.

**Last names beginning with A-M:** main meat/egg dishes.

**Last names beginning with N-Z:** breakfast breads, muffins, doughnuts, scones, pancakes, etc.

**Coffee, milk, and juice will be provided**

### FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH MARCH 16:

Contributions YTD \$65,468 *minus* Expenses YTD \$66,723 *equals* Net (\$1,255)

Budget YTD \$68,932