

# COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

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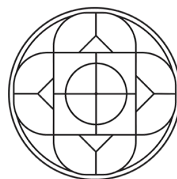
PALM SUNDAY

† Congregation Standing (as able)



## COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

Praise him who comes, and is to come! Hosanna to the Father's mighty Son, here and in the highest.

Praise him who once humbled himself in love to save our human race. Praise him for his Father's boundless grace!

Who would not stop to see and wonder at how low your love bent down? A donkey once carried you, here on the earth. You, in your might and holiness! And in your pity for us, you serve and bless our fallen race.

This day is joy-filled for all creation. My glad soul will sing a song of praise, and wave branches of thanksgiving that were once just palm branches, thrown in front of you by children.

Now we own your hidden majesty, and we cry with those children: Hosanna to the Son of David! Amen.

– Ephraim the Syrian from “Fount of Heaven”

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

## CHILDREN'S PALM PROCESSIONAL

## †ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

*Theodulph, Neale, Teschner; Hymn 249*

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring:  
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one!

The company of angels are praising thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things created make reply:  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went:  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:  
Thou didst accept their praises — accept the praise we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

## †INVOCATION

## †PSALM 40:10-11

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.  
As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me;  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

## ZECHARIAH 9:9

## †O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

*Matheson, Peace, Hymn 404*

O Love, that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee,  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

## OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*Sarah Hou, "Arioso from Cantata no. 156"*

## †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.

## †PSALM 17:6-7

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me; hear my words.  
Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O Savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.

## †HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

*Habershon, Merker; CCLI 7016161*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

## CHORUS

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.

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Those he saves are his delight. Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight. He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost. His promises shall last;  
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. **CHORUS**

For my life he bled and died. Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied. He will hold me fast.  
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! **CHORUS**

## PRAYER OF BLESSING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Marybeth Brauns & Abby Davis*

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Don Westblade, 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 8:31-39

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## SERMON: THE LOVE OF GOD

*Pastor Ben Cuthbert*

## †IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

*Spafford, Bliss; Hymn 495*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll—  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

### CHORUS

It is well, it is well, with my soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought—my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **CHORUS**

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll:  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, “Even so”—it is well with my soul. **CHORUS**

## †BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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: Ingrid Dornbirer, Evalyn Homoele ORGAN: Kristi Gautsche PIANO: Kristi Gautsche

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

SECRETARY: Laura Wilson (office@collegebaptist.org) BOOKKEEPER: Joanna Young (finance@collegebaptist.org)

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am-2:00 pm CHURCH COPYRIGHT LICENSE: 450831

CHRISTIAN ED BOARD: Carie Brown, Stephanie Gordon, Mariel Stauff, Christian Winter, **Matt Young**

DEACON BOARD: Grace Balkan, Malisa Banbury, Sally Beazley, **Stephanie Maxwell**, Kathy Oberlin, Brietta Wilson

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

TRUSTEE BOARD: 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: April 10, 2024

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

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

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES: \$348,652

To donate to College Baptist, please scan the QR code to the right. Use the drop down menu to select one of the following funds: General, Mission, Deacon, Building Addition.



# THE BULLETIN BOARD

Monday, March 25	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Monday, March 25	7:00 p.m.	Men's M.E.A.T. Bible Study (Nursery)
Wednesday, March 27	10:00 a.m.	Tidings of Comfort (Upper Vestry)
Wednesday, March 27	8:30 p.m.	College Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Thursday, March 28	12:00 p.m.	Hour of Prayer (Library)
Thursday, March 28	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday (with Communion)
Friday, March 29	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Community Service (at Christ Chapel)
Friday, March 29	5:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service (at College Baptist)
Sunday, March 31	6:45 a.m.	Sunrise Service (Owen Park - Baw Beese)
Sunday, March 31	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service (no Sunday School)
Sunday, April 14	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Meeting

**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.

**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**

**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.

**VBS 2024** *Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity* **June 23-27, 2024 6-8:30PM (Sunday through Thursday).** If you would like to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to minister to children of our church and community, contact Donna Gaetano at 732-232-7111 or donnamarie.gaetano@gmail.com.

### FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH MARCH 16:

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

Budget YTD \$68,932