

# COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

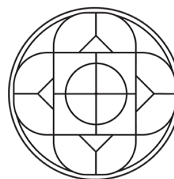
APRIL 28, 2024

† 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

It is the burning lava of the soul that has a furnace within—a very volcano of grief and sorrow—it is that burning lava of prayer that finds its way to God. No prayer ever reaches God's heart which does not come from our hearts. It is well said that neglected prayer is the birth-place of all evil. Methinks every true Christian should be exceedingly earnest in prayer concerning the souls of the ungodly; and when they are so, how abundantly God blesses them and how the church prospers!

— Charles Haddon Spurgeon

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

ROMANS 15:8-11

Christ became a servant to the Jews to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

## †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

OFFERING & OFFERTORY *Annie Brooks & String Ensemble, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

## †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.

## †ISAIAH 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

## †OUR GOD REIGNS

*Smith; CCLI 8458*

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, good news,  
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:  
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

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## CHORUS

Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

He had no stately form, he had no majesty, that we should be drawn to him.  
He was despised, and we took no account of him,  
Yet now he reigns with the Most High! **CHORUS**

It was our sin and guilt that bruised and wounded him. It was our sin that brought him down.  
When we like sheep had gone astray, our Shepherd came,  
And on his shoulders bore our shame. **CHORUS**

Meek as a lamb that's led out to the slaughterhouse, dumb as a sheep before its shearer,  
His life ran down upon the ground like pouring rain  
That we might be born again! **CHORUS**

Out of the tomb he came with grace and majesty. He is alive! He is alive!  
God loves us so! See here his hands, his feet, his side.  
Yes, we know: He is alive! **CHORUS**

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

*Lulu Celecia, Jianna Coppola*

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Pastor Ben Cuthbert*

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 3:21-22

The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets  
bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there  
is no distinction.

## †THE SOLID ROCK

*Mote, Bradbury; Hymn 92*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

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## CHORUS

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. **CHORUS**

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. **CHORUS**

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. **CHORUS**

## ROMANS 10:5-21

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

<sup>18</sup> But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for

"Their voice has gone out to all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the world."

<sup>19</sup> But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,

"I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;  
with a foolish nation I will make you angry."

<sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,

"I have been found by those who did not seek me;  
I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me."

<sup>21</sup> But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

## SERMON: PURPOSEFUL PROCLAMATION & RIGHT RESPONSE

*Pastor Ben Cuthbert*

## †ROMANS DOXOLOGY

*Elliott, CCLI #398584*

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God! How unsearchable are his ways!  
How profound are his judgments, so high above our thoughts,  
And his pathways no man can trace.

### CHORUS

For from him and through him and to him are all things!  
To him be glory forevermore! To him be glory forever  
Amen! Amen! Amen!

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God! How magnificent are his ways!  
Who has been his advisor? And who has counseled him?  
All he gives us who can repay? **CHORUS**

Oh the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God! How immeasurable is his grace!  
How unfailing his kindness, so far removed his wrath!  
And his mercies are new each day. **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: Grace Balkan, Kaeleigh DiCello ORGAN: Jan Ourensma PIANO: Julia Winter

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

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

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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

ELDER BOARD: Jeff Beazley, Ben Cuthbert, Jim Dugan, Bill Gray, **Mike Roberts**, Don Westblade

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: TBD

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

BUILDING ADDITION FUND BALANCE: \$1,124,802

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES: \$326,351

Everyone is welcome and members are encouraged to remain after this morning's service for a brief congregational meeting. Members will vote on a motion to move forward with further architectural steps toward construction of the 4:12 Center.

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

Sunday, April 28	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
Sunday, April 28	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Upper Vestry)
Monday, April 29	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Monday, April 29	7:00 p.m.	Men's M.E.A.T. Bible Study (Nursery)
Wednesday, May 1	10:00 a.m.	Tidings of Comfort (Upper Vestry)
Thursday, May 2	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Upper Vestry)
Thursday, May 2	12:00 p.m.	Hour of Prayer (Library)
Sunday, May 5	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday, May 5	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service

**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.

**EXAM CARE PACKAGES** We are in need of people to donate food items for exam week care packages for our college students. Please see the email announcement for the signup link. We also need volunteers to help pack bags on **Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church library. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Oberlin at 517-398-1955 or email kathy.oberlin@yahoo.com.

**RIGHT TO LIFE** The annual Pro-life Newspaper Signature Display will appear in the Hillsdale Daily News on Friday, May 10 with the names of Pro-Life supporters. There are envelopes on the table in the narthex for those who would like to be included. Please **mail your donation by Monday, May 6.**

**CUSTODIAN** We are actively seeking to hire a part-time Custodian. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please contact Travis Wilson at 517-610-2070 or crxwilson@gmail.com.

**MEDICAL AND EVANGELISTIC MISSION TRIP** Plans are in place to take our ministry in 2025 to Peru, where we have seen God work miraculously to save souls. If you have any interest in joining us, please contact Dr. Larry Gaetano at lawrence.gaetano@gmail.com by May 30. No medical experience is required.

**WEDDING LIAISON** We are searching for a Wedding Liaison. Compensation is provided and there are training opportunities June 7 & 8 and/or June 14 & 15. If interested, contact Brietta Wilson at 517-320-1844 or briettaallen@hotmail.com.

### FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH APRIL 20:

Contributions YTD \$96,064 *minus* Expenses YTD \$99,013 *equals* Net (\$2,949)

Budget YTD \$100,677