

WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 • 11:00 A.M.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - A Season for Love

Ringing of the Bell		
Prelude		Katherine Booker
	<i>Ding Dong! Merrily on High</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		Stephen Clyborne
Call to Worship	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Cierra Selfridge
Lighting of the Advent Candle	Judy League and Frances Ward	
	Candle of Love	
Invocation		Kenneth Selfridge
Musical Interlude	<i>The Birthday of a King</i>	Katherine Booker
Hymn of Praise #284	<i>The Birthday of a King</i>	Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Stephen Clyborne
Hymn of Reflection #249		Congregation
	<i>O Come, All ye Faithful</i>	
Scripture	John 1:1, 1 John 4:7-8	Stephen Clyborne
	Pew Bible pp. 922, 1067	
Offertory Hymn #278		Congregation
	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
Offertory Prayer		Lee Allen
Offertory Music		Frances Ward
Anthem		Choir
	<i>Candlelight Carol Medley</i>	
Sermon	“’Tis the Season for Love”	Stephen Clyborne
Hymn of Decision #265		Congregation
	<i>The First Noel (verses 1,2, and 6)</i>	
Benediction		Stephen Clyborne

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are delighted that you are here. Please take a welcome card from the pew rack, give us whatever information you are comfortable giving us, and place it in the offering plate when it is passed your way. We would like to get to know you better and find out how we can serve you.

NO PICKLEBALL GROUP

December 28

NEXT PICKLEBALL GROUP

January 4 at 6:00 pm

Family Life Center of Earle Street Baptist Church

NO CHOIR PRACTICE UNTIL JANUARY 10, 2024.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday morning at 10:00

Childrens class - First floor of main building

Multi-generational class - First floor of Morgan Building

NO YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY / LUNCH

Today or December 31

NEXT YOUNG ADULT LUNCH / BIBLE STUDY

January 7

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2024 contribution envelopes are located on the front pew. They are in alphabetical order. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please contact the church office.

TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

In order for your contributions to the church to be reflected on your 2023 contribution statement, they must be received by December 31.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 1 AND TUESDAY JANUARY 2. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES

If you are not currently receiving our weekly email updates, and would like to, please contact the church office.

TO WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/@fbcpiedmont/live>. You may also use the be address to view anytime to keep current on upcoming events, activities, and opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMASTIDE

Next Sunday, December 31 at 11 am

Sermon: “Home by Another Way” -Matthew 2:1-2

DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, January 7

12:15 in the Howard Room

BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 pm in the Howard Room

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

- **Senior Adult Lunch Gathering-** Tuesday, January 16 at 11:00 am in the Morgan Building. Guest Musicians: Butch and Debbie Blume. Catered meal: \$9 per person. Make your reservation by paying in advance through the church office.
- **One-day Joint Senior Adult Retreat-**Thursday, February 1 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Earle Street Baptist Church with the senior adults from Earle Street and Parisview Baptist Churches. Catered meal: \$7 per person. Make your reservation by paying in advance through the church office. The van will leave our church parking lot at 9:15, or you can meet everyone at Earle Street at 10:00 am.

NEW TIME FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING BEGINNING JANUARY 3 - 6:30 PM

Beginning Wednesday, January 3, prayer meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. As always, prayer meeting will continue to be a time when we pray together about the needs our our church and community and look to the Scripture for guidance and instruction. The new starting time will allow us the opportunity to incorporate some music and other elements into our prayer meeting service. In 2024, we will be involved in a series of lessons based on the psalms called “Inspired Words to and from God.” Even if you have not been attending on Wednesday evenings, plan to make prayer meeting a part of your schedule for the new year, and please invite others to come with you.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM - SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Candidate for Baptism: Mike Anderson

The plants at the front of the church have been replaced and donated by the Ronnie Ayers family in memory of Mr. Harry & Mrs. Sally Waldrop.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, December 24 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (LOVE)
11 am – Worship Service (Sermon: “’Tis the Season for Love”- John 1:1, 1 John 4:7-8)

5 pm- Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service (Sermon: “’Tis the Season for a Reason”- Luke 2:8-14)

Wednesday, December 27 - NO REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 31 - CHRISTMASTIDE
11:00- Worship Service (Sermon: “Home by Another Way”- Matthew 2:1-12)

REGULAR CHURCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Sunday School	10:00 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am
Young Adult Bible Study	12:15 pm
Deacons Meeting: First Sunday of the month	12:15 pm
Lord’s Supper: Second month in quarter, second Sunday	11:00 am

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	6:30 pm
Business Meeting after Sunday Deacons’ Meeting	6:30 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

DEACONS

December Deacon of the Month: Jim Foxx
January Deacon of the Month: Ken Allen

2024

Al McAbee, Chair
Debbie Adkins, Secretary
Susan Allen
David Dickson

2025

Ken Allen, Vice Chair
Lee Allen
Jim Foxx
Crystal Selfridge

PRAYER LIST

Our Church

....as important decisions are made about our church’s future.

Military

*Rob Campbell, Jon McCann

Surgery

Sheila Comer- January 2

Homebound

Hazel Allen, Maxie Freeman, Shirley Poston, Betty Tucker

Other Concerns

Gerry Carraway, *Dennis Hood, Jerry Hooper, Bill Johnson, *Ann Lane, David Lawless, *Nancy Rector, Evelyn Roper, Jane Satterfield, *Carolyn Shirley, *Mackenzie Watson and family, *Mary Ellen Wilkinson

*non-church members

If you have a prayer request or have a pastoral care need, please contact Stephen Clyborne at 86 4-354-8473 or pastor@fbcpiedmont.org.

If you would like to give your offering online, please scan this QR code.

FINANCIAL REPORT	
<u>Sunday, December 17</u>	
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 3,160.00
Budget Offerings	\$1,165.00
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budget Requirements	\$ 162,160.00
Budget Offerings	\$ 100,086.30



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DR. STEPHEN CLYBORNE – PASTOR
KATHERINE BOOKER– MINISTER OF MUSIC
KIM SPEARS – CHURCH SECRETARY
JUDY FLOYD LEAGUE – ORGANIST
FRANCES WARD – PIANIST

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