

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 31, 2023 • 11:00 A.M.

Pre-service Music		
Ringing of the Bell		
Welcome and Announcements		Stephen Clyborne
Call to Worship	Isaiah 60:1-5a	Stephen Clyborne
Invocation		Stephen Clyborne
*Hymn of Praise #288	<i>We Three Kings</i>	Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Stephen Clyborne
*Offertory Hymn #290	<i>As with Gladness Men of Old</i>	Congregation
Offertory Prayer		Al McAbee
Offertory Music		Frances Ward
Duet	<i>One Small Child</i>	Lisa Greer, Christy Rose
Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible, pp. 835-836	Stephen Clyborne
Sermon	“Home by Another Way” “. . . they departed to their own country by another way” Matthew 2:12b	Stephen Clyborne
*Hymn of Commitment 289	<i>Adoration</i>	Congregation
*Benediction		Stephen Clyborne
Postlude		Frances Ward

*Congregation, please stand, if able

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.

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 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.

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. NEXT YOUNG ADULT LUNCH /BIBLE STUDY WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 12:15 PM IN THE MORGAN BUILDING

If you would be willing to prepare or provide lunch for our young adult group any Sunday, please contact Stephen Clyborne.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

Today is the last day to turn in your contributions in order to be reflected on your 2023 contribution statement.

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.

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

PICKLEBALL GROUP

for all ages

This Thursday, January 4 at 6:00 pm

Family Life Center of Earle Street Baptist Church

If you would like to join our group, please contact Stephen Clyborne.

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.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Candidate for Baptism: Mike Anderson

COMMUNITY MOBILE FOOD BANK Friday, January 26, 2024

11:00 am until ?

The Greenville Church Without Walls will be providing another Community Mobile Food Bank on January 26 for food-insecure people in the Piedmont community. Volunteers from our church will be needed to help pack and distribute the food bags, and meet our neighbors who come to receive food. Contact Stephen Clyborne if you can be present to help.

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 864-354-8473 or pastor@fbcpiemont.org.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, December 24

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 3,160.00
Budget Offerings	\$1,910.00

Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$ 165,320.00
Budget Offerings	\$ 101,996.30



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PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL,
 MAKING DISCIPLES, SERVING OTHERS



DR. THOMAS DEVENNY – PASTOR EMERITUS

DR. STEPHEN CLYBORNE – PASTOR

KATHERINE BOOKER – MINISTER OF MUSIC

KIM SPEARS – CHURCH SECRETARY

JUDY FLOYD LEAGUE – ORGANIST

FRANCES WARD – PIANIST

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The staff would like to wish you all a
 Happy New Year!