

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 3, 2024 • 11:00 A.M.  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Ringing of the Bell		
Prelude		Frances Ward
Welcome and Announcements		Stephen Clyborne
Call to Worship	Sanctuary	Choir
*Hymn of Praise #104	O Worship the King	Congregation
Invocation		Katherine Booker
Responsive Reading #397	The Spirit of Truth	Katherine Booker
Hymn of Reflection #390		Congregation
	Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart	
Pastoral Prayer		Steve Hearne
*Offertory Hymn #648		Congregation
	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	
Offertory Prayer		Al McAbee
Offertory Music		Frances Ward
Scripture Reading	John 2:13-22 (Pew Bible, pp. 923-924)	Stephen Clyborne
Anthem	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	Choir
Sermon	Making a Home for God	Stephen Clyborne
*Hymn of Decision #479	Softly and Tenderly	Congregation
*Benediction		Stephen Clyborne
*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.

ReShaping Church: Thriving Congregations

Pray for our church as we prepare to engage in the ReShaping Church initiative in partnership with Central Seminary and Pinnacle Leadership Associates. Pray that God will give us a new sense of who we are and who God is calling us to be as a church.

- **Coordination Team** - Please pray for the following people who have agreed to serve on the *ReShaping Church* Coordination Team: Debbie Adkins, Susan Allen, Brenda Atkinson, Jack Davis, Beth Dickson, Cassidy Dickson, Lisa Greer, and Kenneth Selfridge.
- **Launch Event** – Next Sunday, March 10, we will meet our coach, David Brown, in person, and hear from him how our church will be engaged in this year-long process to discover how we can be transformed into a greater expression of the body of Christ. **Following worship, the church will provide a simple sandwich lunch in the Morgan Building, followed by a presentation by David Brown about what to expect in the *ReShaping Church* process.** Please make every effort to be present on March 10, and be a part of what God is doing in and through our church.
- **Small Groups** - As a part of the *ReShaping Church* process, we will be having eight weeks of guided small groups during April and May to explore together how our church can be a greater expression of the body of Christ. If you consider our congregation to be your church home, whether you are officially a member or not, you are invited and encouraged to sign up to participate in a small group. Small groups will be offered at various times to allow for maximum participation. It is so important that we hear from everyone during this phase of the process. You may sign up on the sheet posted outside the pastor's office, or contact Stephen directly.

TO WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE

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

WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES

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

SENIOR ADULT LUNCH AND MORE

Tuesday, March 12  
The Gray House in Starr, SC  
1:00 pm (Van will leave our church at noon)  
Cost \$12 per person (pay at the restaurant)  
Sign up in the church office, Sunday School, or prayer meeting.  
Program: Stephen Clyborne, accompanied by Debbie Blume  
There's a reason why we are meeting at The Gray House in March, rather than our usual meeting place in the Morgan Building. Stephen has a special story to tell you that involves The Gray House, a story filled with laughter, music, and botched romance. The meal will be a little more expensive than usual, but the food will be delicious, and the fellowship will be enjoyable. Make your plans to join us for this fun field trip.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

March 28 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary  
Scripture, music, and communion  
Sermon: “To the End”  
Scripture: John 13:1-7, 31b-35

LOCAL MISSIONS THROUGH PFBC

Mission Project to Help Under-Resourced Students at Sue Cleveland Elementary School

For some time, our church has provided food bags for under-resourced students at Sue Cleveland Elementary School. You may support this project in three ways:

1. **Donate food items.** We are always in need of mac and cheese, juice boxes, granola bars, cereal bars, pop tarts, applesauce, pudding cups, fruit cups. Please leave your donations in the Food Pantry Room (one of the small rooms accessible from the Howard Room) as soon as possible.
2. **Help us pack the bags this Wednesday, March 6 at 5:30 pm in the Howard Room.**
3. **Help us deliver bags.** Meet at the church this Thursday, March 7 at 8:30 am.

These are meaningful ways to show children and parents in our community that First Baptist cares about them. Contact Crystal Selfridge for more information.

Weekly Mission Project at Piedmont Emergency Relief Center (PERC)

Help us distribute food bags/boxes to neighbors in need each Thursday afternoon at PERC (3 Main Street - Piedmont). Preparation begins around 2:30, and distribution is between 4 and 6 pm. Come when you can, and stay as long as you can.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
12:15 pm Young Adult Bible Study (Howard Room)  
6:00 pm *ReShaping Church* Coordination Team Meeting (Howard Room)

Monday, March 4  
8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Morgan Building)

Wednesday, March 6  
5:30 pm Deacons Meeting (Pastor’s Office)  
Pack food bags (Howard Room)  
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting (Howard Room)  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 7  
8:30 am Deliver food bags to Sue Cleveland Elementary School  
3:30 pm Food distribution to neighbors in need (Piedmont Emergency Relief Center)  
5:00 pm Pickleball (Earle Street Baptist Church)  
8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Morgan Building)

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS  
If you have announcements or information you would like to include in our monthly newsletter, please submit your information by the 20th of each month.

DEACONS

March Deacon of the Month: Susan 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 we embark on an exciting new adventure together called *ReShaping Church*. Pray for our Coordination Team.

Powdersville Community Church- The church building burned on February 19.

Christian Sympathy- to the family of Heather Smith, who died February 22.

Military  
\*Rob Campbell, Jon McCann

Homebound  
Hazel Allen, Maxie Freeman, Shirley Poston, Betty Tucker

Other Concerns  
Mike Anderson, \*Val Biggers, \*Angie Brown, Gerry Carraway, \*Ben Ells, \*Joseph Holt, Jerry Hooper, Bill Johnson, \*Ann Lane, David Lawless, Judy League, \*Kathy McKinney, \*Kelly Peden, \*Nancy Rector, Evelyn Roper, Jane Satterfield, \*Carolyn Shirley, \*John Storvick, \*James Thompson, \*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@fbcpiedmont.org](mailto:pastor@fbcpiedmont.org).

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

FINANCIAL REPORT	
<u>Sunday, February 25</u>	
Weekly Budget Goal	\$2,362.88
Offering Received	\$2,250.00
House of Blessing	\$682.00
<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
Budget Goal	\$15,542.28
Offering Received	\$21,911.21
Offering for Missions	\$1,278.00



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