

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 10, 2024 • 11:00 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Ringing of the Bell		
Prelude	Frances Ward	
Welcome and Announcements	Stephen Clyborne	
Call to Worship	<i>Come, Let Us Reason</i>	Choir
*Hymn of Praise #370	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>	Congregation
Invocation	Melissa McMahan	
Hymn of Reflection #308	<i>There Is a Redeemer</i>	Congregation
Introduction of <i>ReShaping Church</i>	Coach	Stephen Clyborne
<i>ReShaping Church</i> Preview	David Brown	
Pastoral Prayer	Tom DeVenny	
*Offertory Hymn #434	<i>Revive Us Again</i>	Congregation
Offertory Prayer	Crystal Selfridge	
Offertory Music	Frances Ward	
Scripture Reading	John 3:14-21 (Pew Bible, pp. 924)	Stephen Clyborne
Special Music	<i>God So Loved the World</i>	Stephen Clyborne Katherine Booker
Sermon	<i>Darkness and Light</i>	Stephen Clyborne
*Hymn of Decision #433		Congregation
	<i>Rise Up, O Church of God</i>	
*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.

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.

NO YOUNG ADULT LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY TODAY.

Next meeting: March 17

BUSINESS MEETING

This Wednesday, March 13

6:30 pm in the Howard Room

Words to and from God

A Prayer Meeting Series on the Psalms

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Howard Room

Wednesday, March 13: "A Shelter for the Storms of Life" (Psalm 46)

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

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

Easter Sunday, March 31

11 am in the Sanctuary

Ellis Susannah Baggett

Daughter of Grant and Kate Baggett

CONGRATULATIONS . . . to Allen and LeAnn Brooks on the birth of their daughter, Adelaide Elizabeth, on March 6. The proud great-grandmother is Sarah Allen. Great-aunt and uncle are Susan and Ken Allen. Great-great aunt and uncle are Janice and Jack Davis. Grandparents are Stacy and Tim Brooks.

LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS THROUGH PFBC

Local Missions:

-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 13 at 5:30 pm in the Howard Room.**
3. **Help us deliver the bags this Thursday, March 14 at 8:30 am.**

-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.

International Missions:

On February 28, our church was fortunate to have guest missionary from Bangkok, Thailand, Pastor Soonthorn, to share how God is working through the Christian Prison Ministry to share the gospel with prisoners, provide housing and vocational training to released prisoners, care for the children and families of prisoners, and provide a church for released prisoners and their families. It was an inspiring and informative presentation; and in response, our church gave \$682 to support House of Blessing in Bangkok, Thailand! If you are led to support House of Blessing any time throughout the year, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designate your offering for House of Blessing, and our church will be sure your offering is sent to the appropriate place. But there might be other ways you are led to support these mission partners, such as providing support for one of the refugees served by Calvary International Baptist Church in Bangkok, or a child of a prisoner who is being cared for by House of Blessing. And of course, one of the most important ways to support these mission partnerships is through constant prayer. Contact Stephen Clyborne for more information about how you can support our mission partners in Thailand.

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.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:15 pm *ReShaping Church* Lunch and Launch Event
(Morgan Building)

Monday, March 11
8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Morgan Building)

Tuesday, March 12
Noon Van leaves parking lot for The Gray House in Starr, SC
1:00 pm Senior Adult Lunch and More (The Gray House)

Wednesday, March 13
5:30 pm Pack food bags (Howard Room)
6:30 pm Business Meeting / Prayer Meeting (Howard Room)
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 14
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)

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.

COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
March 31 at Piedmont Presbyterian Church, Time TBA
Breakfast to be served immediately following the service

DEACONS
March Deacon of the Month: Susan Allen

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Al McAbee, Chair	Ken Allen, Vice Chair
Debbie Adkins, Secretary	Lee Allen
Susan Allen	Jim Foxx
David Dickson	Crystal Selfridge

PRAYER LIST

Our Church
....as we embark on an exciting new adventure together called *ReShaping Church*. Pray that our congregation will be prayerful and engaged as we prepare for the Lunch and Launch today and for our small groups in April and May.

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Military
*Rob Campbell, Jon McCann

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

Other Concerns
Mike Anderson, *Val Biggers, *Angie Brown, Gerry Carraway, Shirley Cowart, *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.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT	
<u>Sunday, March 3</u>	
Weekly Budget Goal	\$2,362.88
Offering Received	\$1,935.00
<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
Budget Goal	\$17,905.16
Budget Offering Received	\$23,842.61
Local Missions Offerings Received	\$596.00



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