

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Burch Idol (health issues)
Becky Collins (pneumonia)
Norma Stikeleather (health issues)
Vivian Stowe (health issues – at Piney Grove Nursing & Rehab. Center)
Kay Sudderth (cancer treatment)
Rodgers White (health issues)

Friends:

N. Bolen Megan Hedgecock (health issues); Tricia Dowdy (cancer); Faye Dean Watson, Amy Ikerd, Cindy Strickland (diabetes and health issues); Imogene Fields (broken shoulder); Alphonso Wood (Mary Downing's grandfather—declining health—hospice called in)
Budkey **Dana Walters** (very aggressive leukemia); Mickey Hull (health concerns); Jim Miller (stage 4 prostate cancer)
Henderson Jeff Briggs (hospital in Florida on ventilator—starting to improve)
S. Sharp Colin Ward (medical issues and tests)
Self Connor Self (grandson—flu—at Brenner's Children's Hosp.); Mrs. Lee (Self's daughter-in-law's mother in S. Korea—chemo treatment)
Stikeleather **Keith Lackey** (Norma's son-in-law—recuperating from Esophageal cancer surg. on 3/8)
Thach Amy Fowler (return of Melanoma); Alvena Hummer (cancer)
Tincher Johanna Follen Tincher (3 yrs. old—fever but no diagnosis yet)
Watts Denise Gray (Dale's sister—diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer)
White Cherri Moss (Joyce's niece—severe stroke—PT at Duke Hosp.)
Ruth Durham (cancer treatment)
Diana Johnson (breast cancer)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Flat Rock Methodist Church
S. Sharp Paulo Correa (job issues)
Vernon Cindy Mulkey (foot surg. in February); Nancy Liner (Alzheimer's—moved to a facility)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Budkey Heather Camp (home from hosp.)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Nicholson The family of Mr. McMillan (Jim & Rosalie's son-in-law's father)
Mattingly **The family of Allen Mattingly** (death of if father)



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March 18, 2018—*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The days are surely coming, says our God: the day is here to affirm a new covenant.

People: We call on God's steadfast love and mercy. We seek a strong and vital relationship with our God.

Leader: God's law will be written on our hearts. Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithlessness.

People: We are eager to know the God who loves us. We are ready to learn God's intention for us.

Leader: God offers us the joy of salvation. Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness restored.

People: We are open to the new and right spirit God offers. We seek guidance for our daily living.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Those who are able, please stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We know more of our own transgression than we have been willing to admit, even to ourselves. We cannot escape from sin that clings so closely. By our actions and our neglect, we have done what is evil in your sight. May your judgment help us to face the truth about ourselves. Then wash away the stain of iniquity. Create in us clean hearts, and renew our spirits. We are ready for a new life. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We are welcomed into God's redeeming presence. We are children of our Creator who loves us. We are brothers and sisters of Jesus, who was obedient to God and faithful to the law of love, even in the face of the cross. Through suffering, Christ became the source of eternal salvation for us, realized when we embrace the covenant in truth and faithfulness. The burden of our sin is lifted from us. Friends, believe the good news...

People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lamb of God"

Pat Hill, Soloist

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Ephesians 4:1-6

SERMON *"Building Up or Tearing Down: Why Our Actions Matter"* Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 306

"Blest be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Mar 18)

Greeters/Ushers: Sam & Priscilla Henderson

Lay Reader: Kitty Thach

Serving Next Sunday (Mar 25)

Greeters/Ushers: Lorna Foster, Faye Hodges

Lay Reader: Rich Tincher

*Those who are able, please stand.