

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Burch Idol (health & respiratory issues)

Becky Collins (respiratory issues)

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)

Mattingly **Karen Bright** (loss of twins and her health)

G. Sharp **Gail Cekuta** (aggressive form of breast cancer); **Leah Sherriff** (high blood pressure after birth of twins)

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)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

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

Bolen **The family of Thomas Bunch**

Mattingly The family of Allen Mattingly (death of if father)



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March 25, 2018—Palm Sunday

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who delight in worship. Blessed are the ones who come in God's name.

People: Give thanks to God, all who assemble here. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let all who follow Christ sing God's praise. Because of God's help, we are not disgraced.

People: Open the gates of righteousness that we may enter. The works of God are marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that our God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Hosanna! Let every knee bow before Jesus! Let every tongue welcome Christ's reign! Hosanna!

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that we are as fickle as the crowds of Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it is under attack and link ourselves with the scoffers. When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we are silent, or perhaps lift an uncertain word before the world, for we have not been faithful. We need your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God answers us and offers salvation. In the mystery of God, One came among us, fully human yet fully divine, to lead us to the throne of grace. Though in the form of God, Jesus emptied himself, taking a slave's role in humble service to humanity. This was for our sakes, that we might bend our knee before God in humility and trust. 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.)

ANTHEM

"Give Me a Vision of Calvary"

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

"Coming With Us"

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 198

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

ST. DROSTANE

*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. 197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ELLACOMBE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Mar 25)

Greeters/Ushers: Lorna Foster, Faye Hodges

Lay Reader: Rich Tincher

Serving Maundy Thursday (Mar 29)

Greeters/Ushers: Dottie Roudabush, Bernie Krecklow

Element Prep: Bernie Krecklow, Dottie Roudabush

Assisting Elder: Nancy Bolen

Serving Next Sunday (Apr 1) — Easter

Greeters/Ushers: Norman & Lynda Self

Lay Reader: Dottie Roudabush

Element Prep: Kay Sudderth, Priscilla Henderson

Assisting Elders: Bob Myers, Nancy Sharp; Anne Waddell, Faye Hodges, Sam Henderson

*Those who are able, please stand.