

PRAYER LIST — April 8, 2018

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

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

Friends:

Henderson Jeff Briggs (hospital in Florida on ventilator—starting to improve)
Hodges **Michelle Ivey** (Randall's wife—health issues)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

S. Sharp Paulo Correa (job issues)
Smith Dear friend needs prayers for serious medical decision to be made
Vernon Family Member (silent)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Bolen The family of Thomas Bunch
N. Sharp **The family of Frank Patton** (Nancy's stepfather)

Serving Today (Apr 8)

Greeters/Ushers: Millie Vernon, Rich Tincher
Lay Reader: Dee Barham

Serving Next Sunday (Apr 15)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram
Lay Reader: Donna Myers



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Rev. John Pruitt, Pastor

Amy Evans, Director of Christian Education
Jane Johnson, Secretary

Nancy Bolen, Choir Director
Kay Sudderth, Organist

April 8, 2018—Second Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Life has been revealed to us in this Easter season. Gather once more to testify to life.

People: We declare to each other what we have experienced. In community we find the life God intends.

Leader: Early believers were of one heart and soul. We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

People: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

Leader: Peace be with you as we celebrate resurrection. Christ is with us to renew our faith.

People: We are here to testify to God's grace. We will share our story and ourselves.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Those who are able, please stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have taken the name Christian, but few of us are known primarily by that name. We have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we think we are good people, there is no sin in us. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Sin is separation from you, and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls to keep you out of our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If we walk in the light as Christ is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and Christ cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sin, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us. When we are one with God through Christ, we extend forgiveness to our sisters and brothers, that all may come to faith and have life in Jesus' name. Friends, believe the good news...

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

*RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 133

John 20:19-31

SERMON

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

*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. 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory and honor of God and are placed by Lorna Foster in the memory of her husband, Michael, and her son, Louis John.

*Those who are able, please stand.