

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 & Family:

Henderson Jeff Briggs (hospital in Florida on ventilator—starting to improve)
Hodges Michelle Ivey (Randall’s wife—health issues)
Watts **Denise Gray** (Dale’s sister—Metastatic lung cancer)

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

N. Sharp **The family of Dr. Theodore “Ted” Hairfield, Sr.** (Nancy’s uncle who passed away 4/6); The family of Frank Patton (Nancy’s stepfather)



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Kay Sudderth, Organist

April 15, 2018—Third Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has set apart those who are faithful. Our Creator will hear when we call.

People: God puts gladness in our hearts and minds. We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.

Leader: Beloved, we are God’s children now. What we will be has not yet been revealed.

People: We are here to remember Jesus Christ. We want to be like the One who lived by love.

Leader: Our faith strengthens us for each day’s living. God empowers our ministries of caring.

People: We trust God whose children we are. We look forward to what God will reveal to us.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are disturbed and distressed, O God, by the evil that surrounds us. It is hard to view many people we see as your children: those who kill, abuse, who cheat others and profit at their expense. We feel like victims. Why should we confess our sins when there is so much evil beyond our influence? Yet we know that we do not abide in your love. We sin by turning away from sisters and brothers who are also beloved by you, however they may differ from us. We seek the forgiveness you promise and the health you offer. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Forgiveness of sin is proclaimed to all who repent and seek new life in Christ. The peace of God dwells in us when we can honestly examine ourselves, exposing our wounds to love's healing and our self-deceit to love's correction. Beloved, we are accepted by God whose will for us is a joyous freedom in Christ Jesus. 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 4

Luke 24:36-48

SERMON

"Missing Easter"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 494

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

QUEBEC

*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. 333

"How Our Hearts with Joy Abound"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Apr 15)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram

Lay Reader: Donna Myers

Serving Next Sunday (Apr 22)

Greeters/Ushers: Sam & Priscilla Henderson

Lay Reader: Kerry Kerr

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