

PRAYER LIST — April 22, 2018

HEALTH CONCERNS

**Members:**

**Rocky Newton** (pending cancer surg. in Charleston, SC)  
Norma Stikeleather (health issues)  
Vivian Stowe (health issues – at Piney Grove Nursing & Rehab. Center)  
Kay Sudderth (cancer treatment)  
**Ellen Watts** (arthroscopic knee surg. on 4/24)  
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)  
Myers **Janet Ruff** (92 yr. old—flu)  
Watts Denise Gray (Dale’s sister—Metastatic lung cancer)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

N. Bolen **Employees of MSG Services** (business hit by Sunday’s tornado)  
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)  
Watts **The family of Faye Terray** (friend to several decorative painters in our church)



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April 22, 2018—Fourth Sunday of Easter

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures. We are refreshed beside still waters.

**People: We have been given everything we have. God offers us everything we need.**

Leader: When we walk through shadowed valleys, God is with us. We are comforted and reassured.

**People: God leads us in the right paths. Our cups are filled to overflowing.**

Leader: God welcomes us to the table where love is expressed. We are invited to partake of the truth God offers.

**People: We have received plenty that we might share. We are called to be God’s helpers.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 353

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

SOLID ROCK

### CALL TO CONFESSION

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Good Shepherd, we have wandered down the strange pathways of our world. We have ventured into dead-end streets that looked more inviting than the narrow ways marked out by the signposts of your love. We have trusted other voices and turned away from your truth. We have accepted your gifts without acknowledgment. We have failed to use our overflowing cups to fill the cups of sisters and brothers who need what we could offer. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to your fold. Amen.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Through the work of Jesus Christ we are restored to wholeness. God’s love abides with us as we share that love with others. Our souls will be fed as we focus on feeding others. Surely God’s goodness and mercy follows us all the days of our lives. 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 23

John 10:11-18

**SERMON**

*“The Good Shepherd”*

Rev. John Pruitt

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN NO. 803**

*“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”*

RESIGNATION

**\*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. 542**

*“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”*

GOD BE WITH YOU

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Serving Today (Apr 22)**

Greeters/Ushers: Sam & Priscilla Henderson

Lay Reader: Kerry Kerr

**Serving Next Sunday (Apr 29)**

Greeters/Ushers: Bernie Krecklow, Dale Watts

Lay Reader: Kitty Thach

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