

PRAYER LIST — April 29, 2018

HEALTH CONCERNS

**Members:**

**Rocky Newton** (recuperating from cancer surg. on 4/27)  
Norma Stikeleather (health issues)  
Vivian Stowe (health issues – at Piney Grove Nursing & Rehab. Center)  
Kay Sudderth (cancer treatment)  
**Ellen Watts** (recuperating from arthroscopic knee surg. on 4/24)  
Rodgers White (health issues)

**Friends & Family:**

N. Bolen Megan Hedgecock (health issues); Jim Fields (heart attack); Faye Dean  
Watson, Amy Ikerd, Cindy Strickland (diabetes and health issues)  
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**

Watts The family of Faye Terray (friend to several decorative painters in our church)



# First Presbyterian Church

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Kay Sudderth, Organist

April 29, 2018—*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to worship God, whose love was revealed in Jesus. Let all the ends of the earth turn to our God.

**People: We will worship the Almighty and sing praises. We will proclaim good news to others.**

Leader: Beloved, we are called to love as God loves us. We are to love one another as sisters and brothers.

**People: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. We seek to let God's love be perfected in us.**

Leader: Remember that you have been baptized. God claims you and has high expectations of you.

**People: Christ is the vine; we are the branches. We will bear fruit when we abide in the vine.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have ignored our origin in you and denied your rule over the nations. We have pursued illusions of self-interest rather than abiding in your love. We have turned away from brothers and sisters as if they were enemies to be hated. We are afraid to love those who differ from us or who have the power to harm us. We hesitate to take risks of caring for fear that we may be hurt. Discipleship seems too demanding. O God, release us from our fears and failures to trust your love and live with bold generosity. Amen.

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is good news for all who sincerely repent and seek a living, growing relationship with God. Those who are open to the gift of God's love are blessed with the capacity to extend love to others and thus experience the depth and riches of life that God intends for us. When we love one another, God's love is perfected in us. 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

*"Share His Love"*

SULLIVAN

## THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 22:25-31

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

John 15:1-8

## SERMON

*"Vines and Branches"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 729

*"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

### \*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.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION & MINISTRY PRESENTATIONS:

Faye Hodges

Kernersville Police Dept. – Camp for Kids

Kernersville Fire Dept. – Safety Seat Program

Crisis Control Ministries

Next Step Ministry

Local Schools' Student Needs Program

Kernersville Branch Library – Children's Books

First Tee of the Triad - Teaching Youth Core Values through Golf

First Presbyterian Church – Graduating Youth Scholarship Fund

First Presbyterian Church – Mission Team

## PRAYER OF BLESSING

## 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. 546

*"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*

SICILIAN MARINERS

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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### Serving Today (Apr 29)

Greeters/Ushers: Bernie Krecklow, Dale Watts

Lay Reader: Kitty Thach

### Serving Next Sunday (May 6)

Greeters/Ushers: Lorna Foster, Faye Hodges

Lay Reader: Dee Barham

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