

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

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

Friends:

Birmingham Jennifer Pacheco (Marge's granddaughter—health issues)
N. Bolen Carrie Hiatt (Nancy's aunt—knee replacement); Megan Hedgecock (health issues); Jim Fields (heart attack); Tricia Dowdy (cancer); Faye Dean Watson, Amy Ikerd, Cindy Strickland (diabetes and health issues)
Budkey Richard Merritt (hospital then to nursing home); Heather Camp (Hospitalized for surg.); Jim Miller (stage 4 prostate cancer)
Henderson Jeff Briggs (home recuperating from heart surg.)
Kerr Cheryl Gordon (diverticulitis with long lasting pain)
S. Sharp Colin Ward (medical issues and tests)
Self Lee Self (Norman & Lynda's son—home recuperating from a heart attack on Christmas Day); Mrs. Lee (Self's daughter-in-law's mother in S. Korea—chemo treatment)
Stikeleather **Keith Lackey** (Norma's son-in-law—Esophageal cancer surg. on 2/22)
Thach Alvena Hummer (cancer)
Watts Denise Gray (Dale's sister—diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer)
White Cherri Moss (Joyse's niece—severe stroke—PT at Duke Hosp.)
Daniel (had surg. Tuesday for Spina bifida)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

N. Bolen Flat Rock Methodist Church
S. Sharp Paulo Correa (job issues)
Vernon Nancy Liner (Alzheimer's—moved to a facility)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Watts **The family of Dr. Damon Wear** (local dentist)



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January 21, 2018—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Communion)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For God alone our souls wait in silence. Our hope is from God, our fortress.

People: God is our rock and our salvation. God is our refuge and our deliverance.

Leader: Trust in God at all times, in all places. Pour out your hearts to the One who hears.

People: All people are valuable in God's sight. No one is more important than another.

Leader: Worship God, who is ready to speak to us. Open your lives to God's steadfast love.

People: All power in the universe belongs to God. Yet God depends on our faithful service.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us"

No. 720

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we reluctantly confess that we have installed our own gods in our lives. They take our time. They use our resources. They exact from us care and devotion. We do not like to hear that our way of life is endangered. Yet we sometimes realize that innocent steps into self-indulgence are really deliberate strides away from you. We hear distant echoes of warning and judgment. O God, we want to return to you before it is too late. We repent of everything in our lives that cuts us off from you. Hear our prayer. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old life is gone; a new life has begun. 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 every 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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

"Follow Me"

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN

"We Come as Guests Invited"

No. 504

*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.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

*HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

No. 726

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Jan 21—Communion)

Greeters: Becky Collins, Burch Idol
Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram
Lay Reader: Tom Parker
Element Prep: Kay Sudderth, Priscilla Henderson
Assisting Elders: Rusty Sudderth, Nancy Bolen,
Lynda Self, Rich Tincher, Ellen Watts

Serving Next Sunday (Jan 28)

Greeters: Becky Collins, Burch Idol
Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram
Lay Reader: Tom Parker