

PRAYER LIST — May 27, 2018

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Margaret Burks (health issues)
Rocky Newton (recovering 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 (recovering 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 (home in Walkertown)
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)



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Nancy Bolen, Choir Director
Kay Sudderth, Organist

May 27, 2018—Trinity Sunday

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ascribe to God glory and strength; worship God in holy splendor.

People: *The splendor of our Creator meets us here. We are filled with awe before our God.*

Leader: The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty. God offers strength and peace to all people.

People: *God's voice thunders over the waters. God's strength empowers our response.*

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts. The whole earth is full of God's glory.

People: *The universe is God's dwelling place. There is no place from which God is absent.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

*HYMN NO. 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

*Those who are able, please stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all worlds, we confess that we are people of the flesh, living in slavery to our possessions and our fears. We are so attached to our little corner of the world that we find it difficult to identify with people whose experience is far different from our own. We do not want to suffer with the homeless, the hungry, the refugees, or the oppressed. We turn away from the suffering of Jesus to pursue temporary advantages. We act like just another human organization, not the body of Christ making a difference in the world. O God, forgive us and reclaim us as your children. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God claims us and loves us. When we confess our lostness and seek new birth in the Spirit, putting to death our selfish pursuits, we can receive what God always offers, participation in God's realm. We are born anew to life, which already partakes of eternity. The cleansing coals of forgiveness touch our lips, taking away our guilt and blotting out our sin. 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.)

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

"Hymn to the Fallen"

by John Williams

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 6:1-8

People: *Thanks be to God.*

John 3:1-17

SERMON

"God So Loved"

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 4** *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

***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. 2** *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* ITALIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (May 27)

Greeters/Ushers: Sam & Priscilla Henderson

Lay Reader: Kerry Kerr

Serving Next Sunday (Jun 3)

Greeters/Ushers: Norman & Lynda Self

Lay Reader: Donna Myers

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