

HEALTH CONCERNS**Members:**

Rita Barger (health issues)
 Lucy Dillon (health issues)
 Lorna Foster (rehabilitating at home from shoulder replacement)
 Hamp Langdon (health issues)
 Bob Myers (heart issues)
Rosalie Nicholson (surg for breast cancer on April 7 at Baptist Hosp.)
 Skip Smith (recuperating from surg.)
 Dale Watts (Home with hospice care)
 Rodgers White (health issues)
 Millie Vernon (health issues)

Friends & Family:

N. Bolen Roger Crutchfield (health issues); Pat Fair (knee replacement); Betty Coggins (health issues); Thelma Crutchfield (health issues); Megan Hedgecock (health issues); Faye Dean Watson, Amy Ikerd, Cindy Strickland (diabetes and health issues)
 Briggs Rebecca Huminski (daughter—in ICU at Baptist Hosp. since last Tuesday)
 Budkey Jerry Holt (broken bone in back and fractured ankle)
 Conrad **David Hoppes** (son-in-law—dialysis at home)
 Mattingly Judy Sutton (lung issues)
 G. Sharp Lenae Swaim Stone (loss of hearing in one ear due to Meniere's Disease)
 Tincher **Richard** (Adam's friend—COPD)
 Vernon Linda Carr and family (Mr. Carr has advanced Alzheimer's); Roy Lyons (a dear friend's brother—several serious health issues); Candy Bowlin (Millie's niece—breast cancer)
 Waddell Shirley Lamkin (sister—cancer in lung and back)
 Carol Westmoreland (EGG volunteer—health issues)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Carrie Hiatt (had a bad fall—severely bruised face)
 G. Sharp Charles & Nelda Isenhour (house fire)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Budkey Bernard Rush (home from the hospital)
 Newton Rocky Newton (cancer free)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

G. Sharp The family of Marilyn Demaree; The family of Lisa Isenhour



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March 8, 2020—Second Sunday in Lent

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, where do we put our trust? Where do we find wholeness and meaning?

People: *We lift up our eyes to the hills. Our help comes from the Creator of heaven and earth.*

Leader: We are sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah. We trust in God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

People: *We are followers of Jesus, who proclaimed God's realm. We are born of the spirit, born from above.*

Leader: Our lives are a gift from God, who loves us. By the grace of God, we are born anew each day.

People: *God loved the world in the gift of Jesus Christ. Through faith in Christ, we receive eternal life.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

*HYMN NO. 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we have been far more ready to say we believe than to trust you to lead us to new ventures of faithfulness. We are afraid of the evil that surrounds us. We fear rejection, failure, and ridicule. We admire Jesus, but it is difficult to follow in footsteps that lead to a cross. In the midst of life as we know it here, how can we catch glimpses of eternity? Save us, we pray, from our timidity, and use our doubts as an entry to deeper faith. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our lives are in God's hands. We can only glimpse the mystery of the Source of love, "who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist." Yet, as we look up in trust, there comes to us an abiding assurance that we are not alone. Receive, with humility and joy, the rebirth God offers this day and for all eternity. 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 ever 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

"God So Loved"

Genesis 12:1-4a

John 3:1-17

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 530

"One Bread, One Body"

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

*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 NO. 724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Mar 8) — Communion

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

Lay Reader: Nancy Bolen

Element Prep: Dottie Roudabush, Nancy Bolen

Assisting Elders: Anne Waddell, Millie Vernon, Rusty Sudderth, Rich Tincher
Priscilla Henderson

Next Sunday (Mar 15)

Greeter/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson

Lay Reader: Millie Vernon