

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Rita Barger (health issues)
Lucy Dillon (health issues)
Faye Hodges (chemotherapy treatment)
Bernie Krecklow (health issues)
Hamp Langdon (health issues)
Bob Myers (heart issues)
Shirley Smith (broken pelvis)
Rodgers White (health issues)
Millie Vernon (health issues)

Friends & Family:

Bolen Catherine Westmoreland (infection from dog bite); Ann Kirkman (recovering from a stroke); Faye Dean Watson (cancer treatment); Amy Ikerd; Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)
Briggs Rebecca Huminski (daughter—health issues)
Myers Keith Downs (Bob’s nephew—cancer)
M. Newton Mike Lucire (Marcia’s 41 yr. old son-in-law—stroke and Aortic leak)
Nicholson Steve Webb (son of dear friend—pancreatic cancer has returned)
Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—health issues)
Pruitt Julian & Doris Pruitt (Rev. Pruitt’s parents—diagnosed with Covid19)
S. Sharp Fran Tilley (airport co-worker—hospitalized recovering from a cancer procedure); Dick Pauley (Ambassador at PTI—ICU with health issues)
Unknown Parma Orlando (COVID19)
Amelia Summers (cancer); James Summers (severe abscesses on leg—trying to save leg); Tammy (Amelia’s 50 yr. old sister-in-law just diagnosed with cancer in the liver, lung, spine and skull)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Rosalie Nicholson (completed radiation therapy)
Foster Winnie Theobald (home, continuing to heal. She would like to thank everyone for their prayers)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen
Foster Lorna Foster (prayers for continued healing)
Nicholson Diane Nichols (son’s pancreatic cancer has returned)



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December 6, 2020 — Second Sunday of Advent

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Dee Barham

Leader: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God’s peace.

People: *Jesus Christ, whose birth we await, calls our community to justice and leads us in the way of peace.*

Leader: Our community is forgiving. We call one another to honesty and humility and respond to each other with abundant grace.

People: *Our community values relationships. We live in harmony with one another even when we disagree, and strive to glorify God in everything we do.*

Leader: Our community longs for unity. We work together with other churches and organizations, and live out God’s reconciling love for all the world to see.

People: *Together, we are a sign of God’s peace in the world.*

(The lighting of the Advent Candle will now take place.)

Leader: Let us pray:

People: *God of all people and all nations, you break through the cynicism of our world and offer a vision of the lion and lamb lying down together. Open our eyes to see the signs of your coming kingdom and inspire us to participate in all you are doing in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

*HYMN NO. 133

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess that we have not recognized you in our midst nor listened for your voice. Our faith is fragile, and our iniquity goes unrecognized amid our self-concern. We have lived as if we have no need to account for the life we have been given. We are focused more on our own survival than on our mission in the world. We come to you today with sincere repentance for our neglect. We have failed to prepare the way for Christ's entry into our everyday environment. Pardon and change us, we pray. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God speaks tenderly to us and assures us that our debt has been paid, our sins forgiven, our paths made straight. God's glory is waiting to burst into the midst of all who accept the good news. Surely our salvation is at hand. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. Friends, believe the good news...

People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

"Peace"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 96** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" WINCHESTER NEW

***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. 146** "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE