

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Lucy Dillon (health issues)
Faye Hodges (at Summerstone Health and Rehabilitation Center, in Kernersville receiving chemotherapy and battling pneumonia)
Bernie Krecklow (health issues)
Hamp Langdon (health issues)
Bob Myers (heart issues)
Norman Self (recuperating at home)
Gerry Sharp (health issues)
Shirley Smith (broken pelvis)
Millie Vernon (health issues)
Rodgers White (health issues)

Friends & Family:

Barham Mark Walker & Family (surg. To remove brain tumor)
Bolen Emily Fields (COVID); Imogene Fields (COVID); Jimmy Quick (COVID19); Cindy Smith (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 Pruitt** (John's father—health issues)
Self **Paula Self** (daughter—back surg. On Thursday, February 18)
S. Sharp Fran Tilley (airport co-worker—hospitalized recovering from a cancer procedure); Dick Pauley (Ambassador at PTI—ICU with health issues)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen
Nicholson Diane Nichols (son's pancreatic cancer has returned)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Pruitt **The family of Tommy McCutcheon** (John's cousin who passed away 2/15)
The family of Amelia Summers (death of her sister-in-law, father-in-law, and mother-in-law)



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February 21, 2021 — *First Sunday in Lent*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "O Mensch, Bewein 'Dein' Sünde Gross" J.S. Bach
(O Man Bewail, Thy Grievous Fall)

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome to the time of covenant renewal. The God of our salvation greets us here.

People: We are reminded of God's promises to us. We remember the promises we have made.

Leader: Sense the Spirit descending on us now. Hear God's welcoming voice.

People: Surely God is with us. We can hear God calling our names.

Leader: See the rainbow in the sky. Wonder at God's steadfast love.

People: All creation proclaims the wonders of God. We come together to learn what God wants to teach us.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 166 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" ST. FLAVIAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on your church, O God, for we forget the covenant into which you call us. We muddle along in our self-serving schemes rather than waiting on your word. We follow the path of least resistance without seeking your higher way. We forget our baptism into a faith community built on trust and forgiveness. We turn from the vision of heaven to the treacherous hell of competing egos. O God, we turn to you to lead us to a new day. According to your steadfast love, forgive us, we pray. *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is faithful to the covenant, even when we forget. In mercy and steadfast love, God lifts us above the sins of our youth and the transgressions of today. Christ brings us to God that we might receive a new spirit and a good conscience. We are God's beloved children who are welcomed into God's realm right here, right now, in the midst of life. 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.*

Genesis 9:8-17

Mark 1:9-15

SERMON

"Temptation"

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 165

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

ERHALT UNS, HERR

*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

OFFERTORY

"Deep River"

Robert Lau

*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. 167

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue (The Little) in a-Minor"

J.S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.