

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Lucy Dillon (health issues)
Faye Hodges (Kernersville Medical Center receiving treatment for health issues)
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—recuperating from 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)



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March 7, 2021 — *Third Sunday in Lent*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Brother James' Air" (23rd Psalm) Margaret Sandresky

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

People: *We celebrate the steadfast love of God, our Creator. Surely God is faithful to all who live in covenant.*

Leader: From the sun's rising to its setting, the creation speaks. Day and night, earth's creatures announce God's works.

People: *The commandments of God are clear, enlightening the eyes. God's law is perfect, calling forth our best.*

Leader: God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

People: *The ordinances of God are true and righteous. In following them, we gain wisdom and strength.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

*HYMN NO. 394 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have come to your temple, loving God, because this is your place, not ours. We confess that we sometimes forget whose house this is. We forget that all the world belongs to you as we scramble for all we can claim for ourselves. Our actions deny your love, which is at the heart of your perfect law. Our minds have justified the bending and breaking of your law to suit current trends and feelings. We cry out for forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start. Clear us of hidden faults and redeem us from those we recognize and confess. *(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: When our prayers become more than pious words; when, in awe before God, we truly seek forgiveness; the Almighty becomes for us a guiding presence. We are healed, strengthened, and set free from our slavery to sin. In steadfast love, God claims us, saying: “You are my people.” 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

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Exodus 20:1-17

John 2:13-22

SERMON

“Zeal for the House of God”

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 320

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

WAREHAM

*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

OFFERTORY

“Hallowed Be Thy Name”

Dan Locklair

*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. 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Join We All With One Accord”

Károly Köpe

Today’s Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude are products of Carolina-based composers. The Offertory is written by Dan Locklair, a prolific composer with ties to Wake Forest University and to the Winston-Salem area. The Prelude is from his “Salem Sonata,” a piece written specifically for Old Salem music. The Prelude, [Five] Variations on Brother James’ Air (The twenty Third Psalm) is written by Kernersville’s Margaret Sandresky. Three of the variations are included this morning. The Postlude, “Join We All With One Accord” is written by a long-standing member of the Moravian Music Foundation in Winston-Salem, Károly Köpe.

*Those who are able, please stand.