

**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)  
Millie Vernon (health issues)  
Rodgers White (health issues)

**Friends & Family:**

Barham Mark Walker & Family (surg. To remove brain tumor)  
Bolen **Tricia Dowdy** (COVID); Emily Fields (COVID); Imagene Fields (COVID); Jimmy Quick (COVID); 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)  
Budkey **Patricia Kenndy** (Joy’s aunt—end stages of condition)  
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 **Steve Rierson** (Tom’s Plant House who supplies church Easter & Christmas plants—throat cancer); 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)

**SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO**

Bolen **The family of Dr. Bill Bowman**



# First Presbyterian Church

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March 14, 2021 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

“O God, thou Faithful God”

Johannes Brahms

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Light has entered our world; rejoice! Light is God’s gift to each, and to all together.

**People: Give thanks to God for days of watchful care. The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

Leader: Let those whom God has redeemed rejoice! Let them tell the world of God’s good news!

**People: We will thank God for wonderful works. We will rejoice in God’s love for all humankind.**

Leader: By God’s word, we are delivered from destruction. By God’s mercy, we are healed and made whole.

**People: Our voices will join in songs of joy. Our lives will offer sacrifices of thanksgiving.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

#### \*HYMN NO. 634

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God, we are sick through our sinful ways. We are impatient, complaining, and troubled. We love the night because it hides the evil we have done and the doubt that shows on our faces. By our self-indulgent habits, we are destroying ourselves and depriving others. We seem content to be dead in our trespasses, for we are afraid to embrace the changes that come with the new life you offer. We cry out to you in our trouble. Save us from our distress. *(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 loved the world so much that Jesus Christ was sent to show us the way to eternal life. We are not condemned, but offered saving grace. Come to the light. Let its warmth melt away our resistance to God's truth. We are re-created in Jesus Christ so that we may do the good that God intends and make that goodness our way 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

*"Lord, I Want to Be A Christian"*

Traditional Spiritual

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Numbers 21:4-9

John 3:14-21

### SERMON

*"God So Loved"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 515

*"I Come with Joy"*

DOVE OF PEACE

### \*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

*"There is a Green Hill Far Away"*

Geo. Stebbins/Whitworth

#### \*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. 215

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

WONDROUS LOVE

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*"Improvisation"*

John Fair