

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Jeff Briggs (health issues)
 Donna Carmichael (Vertigo)
 Deryel Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
 Ginger Clark (health issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
 Konnie Conrad (spinal fusion soon)
 Lucy Dillon (health issues)
 Faye Hodges (resident at Kerner Ridge, Phone No. 336-817-5989)
 Bernie Krecklow (health issues)
 Hamp Langdon (health issues)
 Donna Myers (recuperating and Hospice palliative care at The Manor at Countryside Village where they live in Stokesdale)
 Bob Myers (heart issues)
 Jean Nitkin (recuperating at home)
 Gerry Sharp (health issues)
 Millie Vernon (health issues)
 Rodgers White (health issues)

Friends & Family:

Bolen R.D. Marshall (quintuple bypass); Marie Tuttle (breast cancer); Brett Tuttle (health issues with a brain tumor); Faye Dean Watson (cancer treatment); Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)
 Budkey Mary Carter (friend—hospitalized with COVID); Ralph Criscoe (death of 2½ yr. old granddaughter); Heather Camp (Retired Executive Director of The Shepherds Center—living with daughter and recuperating from broken femur); Patricia Kennedy (Joy’s aunt—end stage of condition)
 Gonzalez Jeff & July White (COVID)
 Kerr Marla Kerr-Lawson (Kerry’s sister—on dialysis)
 Maxwell Clara Maxwell Yarber (breast cancer)
 Myers Keith Downs (Bob’s nephew—cancer)
 Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—health issues)
 Pruitt John Fair (organist—cancer); Julian Pruitt (John’s father—health issues)
 Roudabush Daughter-in-law’s mother (bladder cancer)
 S. Sharp Marli Correa (Paulo’s mother—cataract surg. on Oct. 26)
 Thach Hope Border (23 yr. old who has had two mini strokes)
 Amelia Summers (YMCA employee—diagnosed with Lymphoma)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen
 Budkey Barry Rush’s family (Joy Lynn’s brother—loss of home due to fire)
 S. Sharp Paulo Correa (Brazilian brother—waiting for job transfer to new location)
 Vernon Prayers for family members
 Watts Matt Wiggins (son-in-law—injured Achilles tendon—may be out of work extensively)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

S. Sharp Paulo Correa (Brazilian brother—successful move)
 Nicholson **Ralph & Diane Nichols** (both recuperating from COVID at home and doing well)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Bolen **The Family of Dan Smith**
 The Family of Burch Idol (a long-time member who passed away Saturday, 9/18)



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October 3, 2021—19th Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Today, on World Communion Sunday, we remember that we are one. Today, we celebrate the Spirit of God that moves throughout God’s people across all of creation.

All: We are one in Christ.

Women: Today we remember our responsibility to bear with one another in love, to maintain unity by the bond of peace and to be the body of Christ in the world.

All: We are one body.

Men: Today we recall that, as members of one body, we can make a difference in a world of people in need of the hope of the love of Christ. Today, we recognize this hope that unites us and sustains us.

All: We are people of one hope.

Left: Today we celebrate our unity. We set aside the small things that can divide us and remember that, with God, we can overcome all things. Today we are reminded that only with gentleness and humility can we clearly see God’s plan for us.

All: We are people of one Lord.

Right: Today, on World Communion Sunday, we acknowledge that we belong to God and to each other. We share the bread and the cup of Holy Communion, and through our gifts on this special Sunday, we provide resources so that people here, and around the world, can serve Jesus Christ.

All: We are people of one God who is above all and through all. Let us worship God.

***HYMN NO.318**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-powerful God, we confess our devious ways. Even when prayers for others are on our lips, we seek ways to secure our own advantages. We put our trust in things we can accumulate rather than aligning ourselves with your will and way. Our behavior creates enemies and multiplies divisions among your people. Then we want you on our side against those who are different from us. We confuse our preferences with your intentions. O God, we need healing, but we are afraid to lose the illusions of control that are so much a part of us. We fear the very changes that would give us integrity. Help us, gracious God. *(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: The snares that entrap us are broken. Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and earth. Prayers of faith make a difference. They are powerful and effective. We are changed in the hands of a loving God. We have much to give, beginning with the simplest of gifts, like a cup of cold water offered to one who is thirsty. 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

"One Communion"

Psalm 26

Philippians 3:12-15

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 510 *"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"* COME, SHARE THE LORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *"The Nicene Creed"*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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. 321 *"The Church's One Foundation"* AURELIA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Bread of Life from Heaven" BREAK NOW THE BREAD

*Those who are able, please stand.

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