

### 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 surg Nov. 10 & 11)  
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 with 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 Jeff Emory (throat & tongue cancer); 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)  
McKinney Jayme Sasson (pancreatic 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)  
Watts **Denice Watts Gray** (end stage lung cancer)  
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

Nitkin The Nitkin Family (death of their granddaughter)



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October 17, 2021—21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are drawn to worship by a Reality unseen. The One we call God is beyond human description.

**People:** *God is more than we can ever imagine. We sense God's presence as we meditate.*

Leader: We gather in awe to bring our songs of praise. The Creator of all things has given us life.

**People:** *We are amazed by the wonders around us. We feel God's presence as we sing together.*

Leader: We are summoned by One who is just and merciful. The Ruler of all worlds expects us to respond.

**People:** *How amazing that God chooses us as messengers. We know God is with us as we work for justice.*

**All:** *Let us worship God!*

\*HYMN NO. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome God, how puny is our cleverness before the magnitude of your reality! How fleeting are our days measured against the far reaches of eternity! Yet we set our limited knowledge and restricted purposes against your will for us and presume to direct our own affairs and those of the whole world. O God, we are trapped in our pretensions. Turn us from our need for proof to extravagant praise. Turn us inside out so our self-interest becomes concern for all your neglected children. Suppress in us the sinful ways we find so difficult to manage on our own, that we may joyously render to you all that is already yours. *(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 we allow God to touch us, our malice is melted down, our fears are defeated, our failures are forgiven. God raises us from death to new life, from helplessness to hope, from arrogant self-seeking to humble service. Enter into the joy of true worship! 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.)*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 104:1-9  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

### SERMON

*"Why Me Lord?"*

Rev. John Pruitt

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 188

*"Jesus Loves Me!"*

JESUS LOVES ME

### \*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

### \*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. 819

*"Be Still, My Soul"*

FINLANDIA

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (Oct 17)

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self  
Lorna Foster

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#### Serving Next Sunday (Oct 24)

Greeters/Ushers: Rusty Sudderth  
Priscilla Henderson

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