

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Jeff Briggs (health issues)
Donna Carmichael (Vertigo)
Deryl Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
Ginger Clark (health issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
Konnie Conrad (home recuperating from 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)
Gerry Sharp (health issues)
Millie Vernon (health issues)
Joyce White (home from hosp. after heart complications on 11/12)
Rodgers White (health issues)

Friends & Family:

Bolen 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)
Butler Ken Adams (pancreatic cancer—upcoming surg. 11/11)
Gonzalez Marilyn Gaylor (both parents hospitalized with COVID)
Kerr **Kelly Kerr** (Kerry's brother—Stage 4 prostate cancer); 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—primary progressive aphasia)
Pruitt John Fair (organist—cancer); Julian Pruitt (John's father—health issues)
Roudabush Daughter-in-law's mother (bladder cancer)
Self Connor Self (10 yr. old grandson—infusions for kidney disease on 11/26 at Brenner Children's Hosp.)
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)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen
Butler Lillie Adams (wife of Ken who has pancreatic cancer)
S. Sharp Paulo Correa (Brazilian brother—waiting for job transfer to new location)
Vernon Prayers for family members

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Watts **The family of Denise Watts Gray**



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December 12, 2021—Third Sunday of Advent

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lorna Foster, Ellen Watts

Leader: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's joy.

People: Knowing that Christ is coming, to bring healing and wholeness to the world, is a source of genuine delight!

Leader: When we gather for worship it is a celebration, an opportunity to rejoice in all that God is doing among us and beyond us.

People: Our lives are marked by laughter and friendship, as we love our neighbors with wide smiles and open arms.

Leader: Even when we face difficulty and trouble we sing a song of faith, confident that Jesus is able to redeem our suffering world.

People: Together, we are a sign of God's joy for the world.

(The lighting of the Advent Candle will now take place.)

Leader: Let us pray:

People: God of transformation, we rejoice that you lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things. We marvel at your power to change hearts and lives. Fill us with your Spirit this season so that your Good News is not an old story but a fresh truth lived out every day through the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 132

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What shall we do, O God? We can never do enough to deserve your love. We confess that we are not always truthful. We have defaced the purity of your love for us. We have embraced ugliness and oppression rather than loveliness and grace. We have distorted your cries for justice in order to benefit ourselves. We have given less than our best to others and to you. 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 has taken away the judgments against us. The evil we have feared cannot triumph. The enemies we have harbored in our own souls will no longer oppress us. Disasters we have experienced are not the last word. God restores us to the family, welcomes us with open arms, and strengthens us for each day's challenges. Praise God, give thanks, and let the world know of God's marvelous deeds. Friends, believe the good news...

People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*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

"Embracing Joy"

Luke 3:7-18

Philippians 4:4-7

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 145

"What Child Is This"

GREENSLEEVES

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

*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. 134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Dec 12)—Communion

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

Element Prep: Nancy Bolen & Nancy Sharp

Assisting Elders: Rich Tincher, Kae Mattingly,
Millie Vernon, John Mills

Serving Next Sunday (Dec 19)

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Nancy Sharp