

HEALTH CONCERNS

Rita Barger (home recuperating from knee surg.)
Nancy Butler (home recuperating from hand surg on 3/24—dominant hand)
Donna Carmichael (Vertigo)
Deryel Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
Lucy Dillon (home recuperating from hip surg.)
Faye Hodges (resident at Kerner Ridge, Phone No. 336-817-5989)
Bernie Krecklow (health issues)
Hamp Langdon (health issues)
Fran McKinney (treatment for ovarian cancer)
Donna Myers (recuperating with Hospice palliative care at The Manor at Countryside Village in Stokesdale)
Lisa Newton (home recuperating from rotator cuff surg. on 4/14)
Gerry Sharp (health issues)
Skip Smith (home recuperating from shoulder surg.)
Millie Vernon (health issues)
Rodgers White (health issues)
Bolen George Metty (neighbor's 3-month old grandson who is at Duke Medical Center with intestinal & bladder issues since birth); 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 Heather Camp (hospitalized); Mickey Hull (hip surg.); 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)
Downing Steve Miller (cancer)
Gonzalez Jeff White (recuperating gallbladder surg. 4/5)
Kerr Kelly Kerr (Kerry's brother—Stage 4 prostate cancer); Marla Kerr-Lawson (Kerry's sister—dialysis)
Maxwell Clara Maxwell Yarber (breast cancer)
Myers Keith Downs (nephew—cancer)
R Newton Dolly (Rocky's mother—fell and broke hip)
Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—primary progressive aphasia)
Pruitt Julian Pruitt (John's father—health issues)
Sharp Marli Correa (Paulo's mother—recuperating from eye surg. on 4/21)
Thach Hope Border (23 yr. old who has had two mini strokes)
Watts John Towery (heart issues)
Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen
Vernon Prayers for family members

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Budkey Jeff Emory (good news about cancer)



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May 8, 2022—4th Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us; come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

People: God awakens us and restores our souls. Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.

Leader: The shepherd is calling us to new ventures. We are invited to a higher quality of life.

People: We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys. God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.

Leader: Come to drink from the springs of living water. Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

People: Surely God will guide our search for truth. We seek eternal values within our daily walks.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we look at events around us and cannot perceive you within them. We shed tears and find no comfort. We listen for your voice and are greeted by silence. The world seems full of enemies waiting to devour us. On every hand, there are problems too complicated for us to solve. We live in fear rather than faith. We cry out to you for answers. *(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: In the silence, there is a presence too deep for words. The works of God surround us even now, bearing witness to an unseen hand. Multitudes of people from every nation and time join us in words of praise. The shepherd will guide us to springs of living water, and our tears will be wiped away. Friends, believe the good news...

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

*RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*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 23

John 10:22-30

SERMON

"The Good Shepherd"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 803

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

*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

*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. 187

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (May 8—Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram

Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Nancy Bolen

Assisting Elders: Rusty Sudderth, Ellen Watts

Priscilla Henderson, Dee Barham

Serving Next Sunday (May 15)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram