

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 **Lila Bolen** (cancer); **Amy Ikerd** (health issues); 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); 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)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Bolen **The family of Joe Bolen**



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May 15, 2022—5th Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to praise God, all you faithful people! Come, for God welcomes you and offers to draw close.

People: Praise to God, who rules over all the earth. Praise to God, who is as near as our next breath.

Leader: Sun and moon and stars shine in praise to God. God created them and established for each a place.

People: God has a place for us in this world; we have come that God may instruct and equip us.

Leader: Mountains and hills, trees and animals praise God. Let the rulers of the earth do so as well.

People: God provides abundantly for our needs. God makes of one family all who dwell on earth.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit, Holy God, that we find it hard to hear your promise of new life. Even when we are dissatisfied with our lives, it is easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown. You challenge us to accept people who are different from us, but we are not eager to associate with them. You command us to love one another, but some people are not lovable. O God, melt our defenses so we can accept your love and let it flow through us. Grant us courage to embrace newness. *(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 promises to dwell with us, to ease our pain and wipe tears from our eyes. Dare to trust, for God accepts us as we are, so that we might become all we are meant to be. God grants us the opportunity to repent. It is a gift that leads to new life. 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 148

John 13:31-35

SERMON

"A New Commandment"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

*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

*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. 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (May 15)

Greeters/Ushers: Dee Barham, Lorna Foster

Serving Next Sunday (May 22)

Greeters/Ushers: Dee Barham, Lorna Foster