

HEALTH CONCERNS

Nancy Bolen (home recuperating from abdominal surgery)
 Donna Carmichael (Vertigo)
 Deryel Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
 Konnie Conrad (pulmonary fibrosis)
 Lucy Dillon (home recuperating from hip surg.)
 Faye Hodges (resident at Kerner Ridge, Phone No. 336-817-5989)
Bernie Krecklow (now residing at Walnut Ridge Assisted Living & Memory Care, 411 Windmill St., Walnut Cove, NC 27052, 336-891-9437. Bernie is in the assisted living section)
 Judy Maxwell (health issues)
 Fran McKinney (recuperating from abdominal surg. on 6/28)
 Donna Myers (recuperating with Hospice palliative care at The Manor at Countryside Village in Stokesdale)
 Gerry Sharp (health issues)
 Millie Vernon (health issues)
 Rodgers White (health issues)

Bolen **Anne Southern** (broken shoulder); **Ron Smith** (cancer); Carmen Spoon (dementia); Lila Bolen (cancer); Amy Ikerd (health issues); Marie Tuttle (breast cancer); Brett Tuttle (health issues with a brain tumor); Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)

Budkey Richard Hedgecock (bone cancer); Patricia Kennedy (Joy’s aunt—end stage of condition)
 Butler Parker Byrd (an 18 yr. old ECU student—tragic boat accident)
 Conrad Kevin Conrad (Konnie & Floyd’s son—broken ankle)
 Downing Steve Miller (cancer)
 Kerr Kelly Kerr (Kerry’s brother—Stage 4 prostate cancer); Marla Kerr-Lawson (Kerry’s sister—dialysis)

Mattingly Jeanne Adair (sister-in-law—diagnosed with ALS); Lisa Tuttle (stage 4 emphysema)
 Maxwell Clara Maxwell Yarber (breast cancer)
 Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—primary progressive aphasia)
 Pruitt Julian Pruitt (John’s father—health issues)
 Thach Alvena Hummer (dementia); Hope Border (23 yr. old who has had two mini strokes)
 Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Nicholson **Ken McMillan** (son-in-law—successful rotator cuff surgery)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen
 Downing Isaac Downing (grandson—having his wisdom teeth removed surgically on 9/23)
 S. Sharp Tyler Carter (nephew—deployed to Kosovo for nine months)
 Vernon Prayers for family members

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

The family of Hamp Langdon (Hamp, a member of FPC, passed away Saturday, 9/3)
 Bolen **The family of Jim Leroy**



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September 18, 2022—15th Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God welcomes those whose hearts are sick. God’s invitation comes to those whose joy is gone.

All: Why is the health of God’s people not restored? Why must we weep day and night for those we have lost?

One: There is a balm in Gilead. There is a physician who heals. Jesus Christ is our mediator, healer, and savior.

All: We bring all our pain and unresolved anger. We come in all our confusion to seek answers.

One: Bring all your urgent prayers and honest laments. God is eager to offer salvation and open us to truth.

All: We cry out to God for deliverance from our sin. We cry out for relief from our suffering.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

*You may stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have not managed the wealth of the earth, which is our trust from you. We have modified your commands to suit our own egos and desires. We have wasted resources while hoarding for our own use what is meant for all to enjoy. Our concerns are narrow and our compassion is weak. We are restless and unfulfilled for we have not tried your ways. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us into your new day. *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let the confusion and despair of your former ways melt into trust in a God who cares. Let go of dishonesty and false riches to accept the wealth of knowing God and responding in faithfulness. God's gift to us is a quiet and peaceable life, full of dignity and godliness. Such acceptance and inner peace enliven our active care for others and our sharing in the joy of service. Friends, believe the good news...

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

*RESPONSE

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.*

Psalm 113

Luke 16:1-13

SERMON

"The Dishonest Manager"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

*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. 707

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

HALL

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are placed by Linda Volcek in memory of her father, Chuck Volcek's birthday, on September 20, 1928.

Serving Today (Sep 18)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

Serving Next Sunday (Sep 25)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey & Jim Ingram

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