

**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); 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**

Bolen **The family of Brett Tuttle; The family of Bruce Idol;** The family of Jim Leroy  
Mills **The family of Melba “Allison” Barker** (Karen's mother who passed away 9/16)



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September 25, 2022—16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who live in the shelter of the Most High. Gather together, all who trust in God.

**All: God reigns through all generations. We will praise God as long as we live.**

One: We trust in God, our refuge and our fortress. We can count on God's faithfulness at all times.

**All: God lifts us up when we are threatened or afraid. We call to God for protection and rescue.**

One: Worship God, who richly provides us with all things. Give thanks to the one who dwells in unapproachable light.

**All: God, who made heaven and earth, keeps faith forever. We will pour out our thankfulness in words and deeds.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN NO. 630**

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

CRUSADERS' HYMN

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-powerful God, we have become so comfortable with our advantages that we forget who makes them possible. We are so eager for riches that we wander away from faith. We consider ourselves more worthy than others to enjoy your bounty. We look down on people less industrious or differently gifted than we. We turn away from the plight of neighbors who need our helping hand. O God, forgive our misplaced priorities. Have mercy on us and melt our hardened hearts so we may participate in the joy of your realm here and now. *(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

One: Set your hopes on God, who richly provides all things. Do good; be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share. In so doing, you will take hold of life as it is meant to be and realize the ever-present realm of God. Friends, believe the good news...

**All:** *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

Ken Haynes

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Luke 16:19-31

### SERMON

*“Doing What God Wants Done”*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 761

*“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”*

BEECHER

### \*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.

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ken & Shari Downing

### 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. 542

*“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”*

GOD BE WITH YOU

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory and honor of God and are placed in celebration of our new members, Ken & Shari Downing.

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#### Serving Today (Sep 25)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey & Jim Ingram

#### Serving Next Sunday (Oct 2—Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey & Jim Ingram

Element Prep: Kae Mattingly, Linda Volcek

Assisting Elders: Rusty Sudderth, Dee Barham,  
Priscilla Henderson, Ellen Watts

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