

HEALTH CONCERNS

Donna Carmichael (Vertigo)
Deryel Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
Konnie Conrad (home with a severe case of vertigo)
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)
Rosalie Nicholson (recuperating from COVID)
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 John Owensby (in Baptist Hospital for head bleed after a fall); 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)
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)
G. Sharp Martha Edens (heart surg. 10/20); James Swaim (cancer surg. 10/24)
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

Tincher The family of Buddy Tincher (Rich's cousin— passed away 10/7 unexpectedly. He was 43)



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October 23, 2022—20th Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to honor our covenant with God. We gather to worship the God who has covenanted with us.

All: Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth. Our wisdom comes from the one who meets us here.

One: Open your eyes to meet God face to face. Open your ears to hear God's instruction.

All: God takes us by the hand to lead us. The Word of God is written on our hearts.

One: Come to taste God's Word, which is sweeter than honey. Come to touch the reality of God's presence.

All: Surely God will welcome us and protect us. We will walk with new understanding of truth. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we are not eager to wrestle with you or to take responsibility for sin in our lives. We see ourselves as basically decent, respectable people. Yet we have bent your commandments to our own conveniences. We listen only to the word we want to hear. We participate in the greed that is destroying your good earth, and we allow evil to triumph through our neglect. Shake us into awareness that brings change, and support us, we pray, on the difficult path toward greater faithfulness. *(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: Our self-disclosing God proclaims: "I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more. I will be your God and you will be my people. I will put my law within you; I will write it on your hearts." Give thanks for the new life God offers, attuned to eternal values. 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

"I Sing Praises"

Choir

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Job 19:23-27

Luke 20:27-40

SERMON

"God of the Living"

Rev. John Pruitt

*You may stand in body or spirit.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 829

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

OLIVET

*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. 819

"Be Still, My Soul"

FINLANDIA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Oct 23)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson
Nancy Sharp

Serving Next Sunday (Oct 30)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson
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