

PRAYER LIST — November 27, 2022

HEALTH CONCERNS

Donna Carmichael (Vertigo)
Deryl Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
Lucy Dillon (health issues)
Faye Hodges (resident at Kerner Ridge, Phone No. 336-817-5989)
Bernie Krecklow (residing at Walnut Ridge Assisted Living & Memory Care, 411 Windmill St., Walnut Cove, NC 27052, 336-891-9437. Bernie is now in the Memory Care Unit)
Judy Maxwell (health issues)
Fran McKinney (undergoing treatment for cancer)
Donna Myers (hospice/palliative care at The Manor at Countryside Village in Stokesdale)
Spence Sharp (health issues)
Millie Vernon (recuperating from RSV and receiving therapy for broken hip surg. at Piney Grove Rehab, Rm. 313, 728 Piney Grove Rd.)
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 Cathy Outlaw (diagnosed with breast cancer); Beacham McDougald (friend of Nancy Butler & Ellen Watts—partial amputation of foot); 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 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)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen
S. Sharp Tyler Carter (nephew—deployed to Kosovo for nine months)
Vernon Prayers for family members

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Budkey The family of John Wolfe (Kernersville Legal Counsel passed away November 5); The family of John Owensby (Managing Editor & Publisher of the Kernersville News passed away November 4)
Self The family of Paula Self (Norman & Lynda's daughter passed away Monday, November 7)
Watts The family of Jacob Butler (20 yr. old cousin)



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November 27, 2022—First Sunday of Advent

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Linda Volcek, Dee Barham

One: As the season of Advent begins we celebrate hope.

All: We know that through the birth of a tiny and helpless child, God is coming to save the world.

One: While we watch and wait for Jesus to arrive, we join in God's mission by bringing grace and mercy to those who need it most.

All: We engage the poor and the poor in spirit, letting Christ's light shine through us.

One: We speak words of comfort and love to a world in need of healing as we share our stories of God's transforming Spirit.

All: Together, we are a sign of God's hope for the world.

(The lighting of the Advent Candle will now take place.)

One: Let us pray:

All: God of surprising grace, when we least expect it you bring fresh new life; and where we feel that all is lost, you bring redemption. Give us courage as we share all you have done, all you are doing, and all you will accomplish through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 82

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you have brought us to this moment of confrontation. We cannot escape your judgment of our hidden deceits. You know when we are jealous of others. You observe our quarrels with one another. You see how we seek self-gratification rather than the ways you intend for us. Our physical desires are more important to us than the spiritual hungers we suppress. Come among us now to turn us toward the paths where you want to lead us. *(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: The word of God comes to us for our instruction. The forgiveness of God prompts our thanksgiving. The peace of God turns us from our weapons of destruction to fashion instruments of sharing. God's will for us is security and peace in the community of mutual caring. We are offered this pathway to true prosperity, seeking one another's good. Let us put on Jesus Christ that others may discern Christ's coming through us. Friends, believe the good news...

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

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Isaiah 2:1-5

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

"Get Ready"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 88** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1-4) VENI EMMANUEL

***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. 93** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Nov 27)
Greeters/Ushers: Kae Mattingly
Ellen Watts

Serving Next Sunday (Dec 04)
Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson
Rusty Sudderth

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