

PRAYER LIST — January 8, 2023

HEALTH CONCERNS

Donna Carmichael (Vertigo)  
Deryel 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)  
Fran McKinney (undergoing treatment for cancer)  
Donna Myers (hospice/palliative care at The Manor at Countryside Village in Stokesdale)  
Spence Sharp (shoulder & neck issues)  
Millie Vernon (recuperating at her son's home—4284 Wallburg Rd, W-S 27107)  
Rodgers White (health issues)

Bolen 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 Hedgcock (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)

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)

Tincher Angie Semonco (breast cancer—surg. 12/19)  
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 Cliff Barton**



# First Presbyterian Church

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January 8, 2023—Epiphany of the Lord

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, join the search for all God will reveal. We are the church, committed to an encounter with mystery.

**All: God has sent light to dispel our fears. The glory of God has risen upon us.**

One: The gospel of Christ reveals God's grace. We share in the promise of Jesus Christ.

**All: We gather together and lift up our eyes. Our hearts thrill to the sight and our lips rejoice.**

One: Through us, the wisdom of God will be made known. There is a rich variety to meet each one where we are.

**All: The radiance of truth surrounds us. Boldly and confidently, we approach our God. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 150

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of sovereigns and commoners, we confess that we are often more impressed with famous people than we are with your amazing glory. The rulers of this earth are more real to us than the one who reigns over time and eternity. Your priorities are not foremost in our lives. We reach for power and popularity more than for justice for the poor. We are more focused on prosperity than on relief for the oppressed. Our pursuits do not satisfy; save us from their fragmenting grip in our lives. Cause a new epiphany among us, we pray. *(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: God will judge us with righteousness and deliver us from the oppressive greed to which we have succumbed. The showers of God's blessings will fall on us like rain on new-mown grass. Peace will abound in the hearts of those who give help to the poor and needy. God commissions us, as fellow heirs with Christ, to fulfill the mission given to the saints. 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

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

CRANHAM

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 60:1-6

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

Matthew 2:1-12

### SERMON

*"After Christmas"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

\*HYMN NO. 152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

\*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.

### INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Skip Smith (Class of 2023), Spence Sharp & Rich Tincher (Class of 2025)

### 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

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

\*HYMN NO. 151

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

KINGS OF ORIENT

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory and honor of God and are placed by Norman & Lynda Self in memory of their daughter, Paula.