

PRAYER LIST — February 12, 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)
Donna Myers (hospice/palliative care at The Manor at Countryside Village in Stokesdale)
Spence Sharp (shoulder & neck issues)
Millie Vernon (back home at 417 Madison Place Circle, Kernersville)
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 Lynn Mimbs Hall (hospitalized for pneumonia); Richard Hedgecock (bone cancer); Patricia Kennedy (Joy's aunt—end stage of condition)

Butler Harry Sandgren (2nd hip replacement on same hip in 4 wks); Neal McRae (home from hosp. facing a long recovery from Rocky Mtn. spotted fever); Dan Barber (pancreatic cancer)

Downing Steve Miller (cancer)
Kerr Roger Kerr (Kerry's cousin—health issues); 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** (Baptist hosp. with pneumonia)
Thach Alvena Hummer (dementia); Hope Border (23 yr. old who has had two mini strokes)
Tincher JoAngie Semonco (breast cancer—surg. 12/19)
Unknown Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

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

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Budkey Robert Hall (recovered and home from major heart attack)
Fran McKinney (in remission)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Budkey The family of Jerry Medford



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February 12, 2023—Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those who seek God with their whole heart. Their eyes are fixed on all that God commands.

All: We have come to reflect together on God's law. It is hard to hear, in other places, what God expects.

One: Ready yourselves to receive all that God supplies. Attune your hearts to God's promises and warnings.

All: We expect to be challenged as well as encouraged. We know that our ways are not God's ways.

One: God gives us choices that result in life or death. We can obey or reject the way of life God intends for us.

All: We seek to know and follow the way of life. We want to live according to promises we have made. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 439

"O My Soul Bless Your Redeemer"

STUTT GART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you know the pain of all our broken relationships. Some we have tried to mend, and others we have tried to ignore. We feel your judgment on our estrangements, O God. We ask for courage to admit our mistakes and overcome them. Show us what we can do to right the wrongs for which we are responsible, and forgive, we pray, what cannot be changed. Empower us as reconcilers and servants of your way. *(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 wants to forgive us, but there is no cheap grace for those of us unwilling to change. To all who seek to give up jealousy, insults, anger, quarreling, adultery, self-centered pride... God offers a new life. There is solid food to nurture us in new ways. God draws us into the community of forgiven and forgiving sinners, in which we support and help one another. Friends, believe the good news...

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

*GLORIA PATRI

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

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.*

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Matthew 5:21-37

SERMON

"What We Bring With Us"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 438

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

TOPLADY

*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.

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. 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

IN BABILONE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Feb 12)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Nancy Bolen

Assisting Elders: Rusty Sudderth, Nancy Sharp,
Priscilla Henderson, Kerry Kerr

Serving Next Sunday (Feb 19)

Greeters/Ushers: Linda Volcek & Lorna Foster

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