

PRAYER LIST — February 26, 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 (has COVID—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 Richard Hedgecock (bone cancer);

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)
J&K Mills Rachel Mills (John's daughter due to the death of her mother, Kellie Weekley-Mills)
S. Sharp Tyler Carter (nephew—deployed to Kosovo for nine months)
Vernon Prayers for family members

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Budkey **Lynn Mimbs Hall** (home from hospital); Robert Hall (recovered and home from major heart attack)
Fran McKinney (in remission)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

J&K Mills The family of Kellie Weekley-Mills of Pittsburgh, PA (John's first wife)
Watts The family of Betty Burger



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February 26, 2023—First Sunday in Lent

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gather to remember and share stories of faith; rejoice in the goodness of the living God.

All: **Before our stories began, there was God; through all our days, God walks with us.**

One: Worship the one who gives and sustains life; sing praises to the one who is our refuge.

All: **There is no place we can go where God is not; amid life's troubles, God's promises hold true.**

One: Delight in God, whose protections we enjoy; dance with the God who frees us for new possibilities.

All: **We call out to God, expecting to be heard; we listen, knowing there is truth to be received. Let us worship God!**

*HYMN NO. 166

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

ST. FLAVIAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When the gospel is veiled from us, mighty God, we feel alone. How easy it is to lose our direction and go the wrong way! At times, we feel as if we are perishing under the demands of our day, unable to see clearly what is most important. We become enslaved to our routines and enticed by shallow distractions. We fill all our hours with doing, so there is no time for reflection and prayer. Forgive us, O God, and restore balance to our lives. (*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 promises light for our nighttime and guidance on our way. In Christ, God lifts the veil so we can catch a glimpse of glory. There is peace to be found in the midst of turmoil. There is freedom and quiet even amid our busyness. We are released from our slavery to things, and lifted up beyond the limitations of our habits. God forgives us and offers new meaning to our lives. 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.*

SERMON

"Take the Long Way Home"

Genesis 3:1-7
Matthew 4:1-11

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 418

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*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

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. 223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Feb 26)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram

Serving Next Sunday (Mar 5)

Greeters/Ushers: Linda Volcek, Lorna Foster

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