

PRAYER LIST — March 26, 2023

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)  
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)  
Tincher JoAngie Semonco (breast cancer—surg. 12/19)  
Watts Matt Wiggins (son-in-law—shoulder surg. 2/27)  
Unknown Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen (diagnosed with ALS)  
Conrad Have activities in the daytime. Can't drive at night.  
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

Thach **The family of Arlene Haines** (Kitty's mother who passed away Sunday, March 19, 2023)



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March 26, 2023—*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us from the valley of dry bones. Come, listen for a word from our God.

**All: We hear God calling us in a far distant voice. We had nearly forgotten God's care for us.**

One: The Spirit breathes life into our dry bones. God offers hope when we have lost our way.

**All: Our souls wait for the refreshment God offers. Our spirits are filled with great expectation.**

One: Christ came as a light to all the world. Christ comes among us today to light our way.

**All: We hear the teacher calling for us. Christ unbinds us that we may see and believe. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 634

“To God Be the Glory”

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Hear our prayers, the confessions of our neglect, the admission of our desire to rule in your place. Like the house of Israel in Ezekiel's time, we are cut off from communion with you. We are like dead people, going through the motions of living. We cry out for forgiveness and a new start. We long to know you and to live in reverence before you. By your steadfast love, redeem us from our iniquities and raise us up to serve you, in Jesus' name. (*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: Jesus says to us, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" Arise, in faith and trust, knowing that God will give life to our mortal bodies through the spirit who dwells in us and among us. We are not slaves to the flesh. God has made us to be instruments of self-giving love, who find life by giving it away. As God has invested in us, we are free to invest ourselves in ministry to others. Praise God! 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.*

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John 11:1-45

### SERMON

*"In Our End, Is Our Beginning"*

Rev. John Pruitt

\*You may stand in body or spirit.

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 819

*"Be Still, My Soul"*

FINLANDIA

### \*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. 805

*"Come Sing to God"*

ELLACOMBE

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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Serving Today (Mar 26)

Greeters/Ushers: Norman & Lynda Self

Serving Next Sunday (Apr 2 — Palm Sunday)

Greeters/Ushers: Kae Mattingly, Ellen Watts

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