

PRAYER LIST — April 2 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)  
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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April 2, 2023—Palm Sunday

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a day of joyous welcome. Yet joy is tempered by impending doom.

**All: We welcome Christ with waving branches. We wait with Christ through hours of agony.**

One: Our leader comes humbly, riding a donkey. Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

**All: Jesus rides into the tumult of our times. People still oppose the way of love.**

One: Yet love prevails in spite of opposition. Give thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Open to us the gates of righteousness. Let us enter in the light God offers. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have blamed you when the hosannas die and the parade turns into a mob scene. We heap our doubts on you even though our inaction adds power to those who shout. “Crucify.” We rebel against the risks of discipleship. Why raise our voices against the evil we see? One voice simply becomes one more victim. O God, we protest, but we know down deep that the victim of our silence is the way of love, the way of life. Forgive our cowardice, and help us to stand with Christ in a world that has forgotten humility and obedience to you. O God, we want to be faithful. Why does it cost so much? *(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 does not forsake us. In times of terror and suffering we are not alone. In Christ, we are strengthened as we watch and pray. We receive courage to love in the face of ridicule and to act for truth amid the oppressive forces of deceit. Love is at the heart of creation, bringing us to new beginnings, to resurrection life in all its fullness. 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.)*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: The Word of the Lord.

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

*Readings from Mark & Isaiah*

### SERMON

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### ANTHEM

#### \*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. 198

*“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”*

ST. DROSTANE

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (Apr 2—Palm Sunday)

Greeters/Ushers: Kae Mattingly, Ellen Watts

#### Serving Next Sunday (Apr 9—Easter/Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Rusty Sudderth

Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Priscilla Henderson

Assisting Elders: Priscilla Henderson, Shari Downing,  
Nancy Bolen, Tom Parker

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#### Serving Thursday (Apr 6—Maundy Thursday)

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Ellen Watts

Element Prep: Nancy Bolen, Lynda Self

Assisting Elders: Ellen Watts, Rusty Sudderth,  
Lynda Self, Skip Smith

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