

PRAYER LIST — April 16, 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)
Judy Maxwell (recuperating from health issues at her daughter's home in Greenville, NC)
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)
Ellen Watts (home recuperating from complete knee replacement surg. on April 11, 2023)

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)
Crosby Daughter's Half Brother (terrible motorcycle accident—at UNC-Chapel Hill Hospital)
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)
Nicholson **Diane Nichols** (dear friend—in hospital with health issues)
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 (home from major heart attack)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Bolen **The Tuttle Family** (Nancy's neighbor, Patti Tuttle, who committed suicide)
Budkey The Holt Family (death of Jerry Holt)
Mattingly **The Mattingly Family (death of Kae's grandson, Max Raderer)**



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April 16, 2023—Second Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come again to celebrate resurrection. God gives us new birth into a living hope.

All: Death has no power over us. Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.

One: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ! Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

All: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice. God shows us the path of life.

One: Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you. Come to receive life in Christ's name.

All: We rejoice in God's amazing good news. In god's presence, we find fullness of joy. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 233

"The Day of Resurrection"

LANCASHIRE

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand. Forgive us for chasing after gods of our own making. We are so busy with them that we forget to open ourselves to your larger reality. We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrated. Goodness is crucified by our narrow prejudices, and our doubts plunge us into despair. Be to us a refuge, granting us courage to face the questions that haunt us until they lead to deeper understanding. *(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 never abandons us, no matter how far we stray. We have a goodly heritage which is ours to claim. God shows us the path of life and offers us fullness of joy. Let our hearts be glad and our tongues rejoice. The Living Christ is in our midst. We are granted new birth into a living hope. Praise God! Friends, believe the good news...

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

*RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*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.*

Exodus 15:1-11

John 20:19-31

SERMON

"Finding Peace"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 623**

"I've Got Peace like a River"

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

***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. 236**

"The Strife Is O'er"

VICTORY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Apr 16)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Rusty Sudderth

Serving Next Sunday (Apr 23)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

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