

PRAYER LIST — April 23, 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)
Mattingly The Mattingly Family (death of Kae's grandson, Max Raderer)



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April 23, 2023—Third Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has called us together for this time of worship. God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

All: God inclines an ear to us and hears us. God knows us better than we know ourselves.

One: Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life. Let us set our faith and hope in God .

All: In one another's presence, we renew our vows. Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.

One: God's promises to us are ancient and ever new. God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

All: Together we lift our voices in songs of praise. Together we recognize we are precious in God's sight. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we rush through our days without recognizing your presence with us. We follow our busy diversions without reference to your will for us. We strive for financial success and personal recognition, while you call for obedience to truth and genuine mutual love. Purify our souls, we pray, and redirect our priorities. May we be born anew through your living and enduring word. *(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: The promise of forgiveness is for us and for our children, for everyone whom God calls. The gift of the Holy Spirit is ours to receive. Lift up the cut of salvation every day, and call on God's name. Give thanks for the words and deeds of Jesus, who revealed God's love for us and enlists us as disciples and apostles. 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.*

Isaiah 51:1-6

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

"Well Known Christians"

Rev. John Pruitt

*You may stand in body or spirit.

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 451**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

***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. 240**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

ALLELUIA NO. 1

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Apr 23)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

Serving Next Sunday (Apr 30)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

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