

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 (resident at Brookdale Lawndale Park, 336-286-3432)
Judy Maxwell (recuperating from health issues at her home in Kernersville)
Donna Myers (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)

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 (hospice care); Dan Barber (pancreatic cancer)
Crosby Daughter's Half Brother (terrible motorcycle accident—at UNC-Chapel Hill Hospital)
Downing Steve Miller (Shari's brother—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)
Roudabush Dottie's daughter-in-law's mother (badder cancer)
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)
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

Budkey **The family of Ray AcAdoo**



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May 7, 2023—Fifth Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God. Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

All: God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress. Christ leads us and guides us every day.

One: Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God. You have known the presence of Christ, God's chosen one .

All: Every day we long for pure spiritual milk. Each day, we are inspired by the living Christ.

One: Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet. Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

All: We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life. We are here to ask and to receive and to serve. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 624

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

TOULON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that sometimes we have covered our ears so we cannot hear your word of judgment, holy God. We seek to isolate ourselves from a world in pain. We become enemies and persecutors of Christ, who identified with poor, needy, and oppressed people. We reject the One you sent as the way, the truth, and the life. We do not pray, as Jesus prayed, trusting that you hear and respond. O God, deliver us from ourselves.

(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: Let not your hearts be troubled. Whoever believe in God will not be put to shame. If you truly believe, you will show care for others. When you care, you will join in doing the things Jesus did to help all the people God loves. You are chosen to proclaim the mighty acts of One who called you out of the shadows into God's marvelous light. Rejoice! You have received the mercy of 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.*

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

John 14:1-14

SERMON

"People of the Way"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 634**

"To God Be the Glory"

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***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. 65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (May 7)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram

Serving Next Sunday (May 7)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram

Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Nancy Bolen

Assisting Elders: Rusty Sudderth, Linda Volcek,
Priscilla Henderson, Rosalie Nicholson

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