

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 **Steve Martin** (recurrence of cancer); 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 **Deb McPherson** (spots on lungs and liver); 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 Lisa Tuttle (stage 4 emphysema)
Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—primary progressive aphasia)
Roudabush Dottie's daughter-in-law's mother (bladder 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)
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
Mattingly **The family of Jeanne Adair** (Kae's sister-in-law—passed away 5/6 from ALS);



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May 14, 2023—Sixth Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The God of heaven and earth calls us together. We come to explore matters of the Spirit.

All: *There is so much we do not know or understand. So much of God is unknown to us.*

One: Let us look carefully at the objects of our worship. Our attention is easily diverted from God.

All: *We want to worship the One who gives us breath. We reach for the Reality beyond our knowing.*

One: In God we live and move and have our being. All that we have and are comes from God.

All: *God is not limited to shrines made by us. God is everywhere present in the whole universe. Let us worship God!*

*HYMN NO. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we have loved our own way more than we love you. The Spirit of truth does not abide in us, for our actions belie the words of praise we utter in worship. We neglect the spiritual disciplines that would draw us close to you and the caring outreach that would link us with sisters and brothers who need to know of your love. We have not witnessed to our faith in ways powerful enough to evoke opposition or cause us to suffer. O God, it is hard to follow Jesus! Forgive us, teach us, help us!

(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: You are not left to struggle alone. You have an Advocate who is always with you. You are not rejected. God hears your prayers and offers you steadfast love in all circumstances. Do not be afraid to hope, and to share that hope with others around you. Claim God's gifts of reverence and gentleness as you testify to the resurrection. Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 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.

Psalms 66:8-20

John 14:15-21

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Love Given"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 828

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

MORE LOVE TO THEE

*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.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

*HYMN NO. 318

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (May 14)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram

Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Nancy Bolen

Assisting Elders: Rusty Sudderth, Linda Volcek,

Priscilla Henderson, Rosalie Nicholson

Serving Next Sunday (May 21)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky