

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 daughter's home in Greenville, NC)
Millie Vernon (back home at 417 Madison Place Circle, Kernersville)
Rodgers White (health issues)
Ellen Watts (home recuperating from knee surgery revision on June 2)

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 **Dennis Perdue** (ICU at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem); **Heather Camp** (health concerns); Deb McPherson (spots on lungs and liver); Richard Hedgecock (bone cancer)
Butler Dan Barber (pancreatic cancer)
Conrad **Karen O'Dell** (breast cancer)
Crosby Daughter's Half Brother (terrible motorcycle accident—at UNC-Chapel Hill Hosp.)
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)
Unknown Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen (diagnosed with ALS)
S. Sharp Tyler Carter (nephew—safe travel home from Kosovo)
Vernon Prayers for family members



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June 11, 2023—Second Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us out of places known and secure. God invites us into a living, trusting relationship.

All: *Happy are those whom God chooses as a heritage. God's counsel to every generation comes to us.*

One: God continues to bring new worlds into being. God is constantly offering new opportunities to us.

All: *We are called away from empty pursuits. God wants to employ our talents for the common good.*

One: Let us worship God with our whole being. Let us use all our talents to praise our Creator.

All: *Praise God with instruments we have made. Sing Praises with voices God has given. Let us worship God!*

*HYMN NO. 634

“To God Be the Glory”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and righteousness, we come to you as tax collectors and sinners flocked to Jesus long ago. We have wavered in distrust of your promises, yet cling to their truth. We believe that your ways are far more fulfilling than any we can devise, yet we shrink from following where Christ leads. Forgive our pursuit of lesser gods we create, and wean us away from our fascination with the false values that tempt us. Draw us closer to you, we pray.

(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: Rejoice, for God gives life to the dead and calls into existence possibilities we could not imagine. Christ died for our sins and rose to new life that we might be justified. Let us explore together what that means in the assurance that God is able and willing to fulfill all the promises made to us. God takes us by the hand and lifts us up to abundant life. 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.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

"Finding a Seat"

Genesis 12:1-9

Matthew 9:9-13

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

*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.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION & MINISTRY PRESENTATIONS:

Rusty Sudderth

Kernersville Police Dept.—Camp for Kids

Kernersville Police Dept.—Shop with a Cop

Kernersville Fire Dept.—Safety Seat Program

Crisis Control Ministries

Next Step Ministry

Local Schools' Student Needs Program

Kernersville Branch Library—Children's Books

Shepherd's Center

First Tee of Central North Carolina - Teaching Youth Core Values through Golf

PRAYER OF BLESSING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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. 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Jun 11)

Greeters/Ushers: Nancy Bolen, Jim Ingram

Serving Next Sunday (Jun 18—Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Kae Mattingly, Linda Volcek

Element Prep: Nancy Sharp, Priscilla Henderson

Assisting Elders: Kae Mattingly, Shari Downing,
Nancy Bolen, Tom Parker

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