

**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)  
**Fran McKinney** (undergoing treatment for recurrence of cancer)  
Millie Vernon (back home at 714 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)  
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

**SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO**

**The family of Janice Swisher**, a long-time egg volunteer (the death of her husband, Dale, on Saturday, June 10, 2023)



# First Presbyterian Church

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June 18, 2023—Third Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a time of God’s appearing; let us worship! Let us recognize that God is within and among us.

**All: God’s ear is inclined toward us. We know that God listens and hears our prayers.**

One: We are here to offer our thanks to God. We will pay our vows to God in the presence of others.

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

One: God bears us up on eagles’ wings. God draws us into covenant community.

**All: We will listen for God’s commandments. We will seek to do all that God requires. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we often fail to recognize that you are always with us. We are the ungodly ones who deny your love by our failure to love. We deny your law by our failure to live by it. We laugh at your promises. We appear more burdened than joyful in the midst of the wondrous gift of life. We seldom pause to give thanks. The compassion of Christ finds little echo in us, who claim to be Christians. We need your forgiveness, O God, and a new vision.

*(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's favor rests on us. Sincere confession is met with caring acceptance. God hears the prayers of our hearts and grants us peace the world cannot give. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, that we might have access to the grace in which we stand. Lift up the cup of salvation and offer sacrifices of thanksgiving. God has loosed our bonds and freed us to share God's glory. 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.*

Exodus 19:1-8a

Matthew 9:35-10:8

### SERMON

*"What's a Disciple to Do"*

Rev. John Pruitt

\*You may stand in body or spirit.

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 507

*"Come to the Table of Grace"*

TABLE OF GRACE

### \*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. 757

*"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

KINGSFOLD

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (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

#### Serving Next Sunday (Jun 25)

Greeters/Ushers: Kae Mattingly, Linda Volcek

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