

**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 25, 2023—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, nations of the earth, to bow before God. Distant galaxies proclaim the Creator of all things.

**All: *We are humbled by the wonders of creation. We are amazed by God's mighty works.***

One: This infinite God cares for each one of us. God hears our cries and responds to our needs.

**All: *In our days of trouble, we call on our God. We are confident that God listens and answers.***

One: Let us also call on God with our prayers of thanks. Let us celebrate the wondrous things God provides.

**All: *God cares for us, even when others reject us. We gather to glorify God's name. Let us worship God!***

\*HYMN NO. 804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

MARION

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we are poor and needy in matters of the spirit. You have offered us newness of life, but we are fearful of its cost. Your gifts place us in debts so vast that we can never repay. We are not worthy of your love and cannot earn your forgiveness. How is it that when we accept your grace we sense a freedom we have never before enjoyed? O God, we want to be dead to sin and alive to you. 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: As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we are lifted up to walk in newness of life, accepted and forgiven. You can never be your old self again, for Christ has set you free. Old divisions and misunderstandings are overcome in the steadfast love of God. All who give up their self-occupied ways for Christ's sake find abundant life. This is God's gift to you today. 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.*

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Matthew 10:24-39

### SERMON

*"The Cross Bearing Life"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 718

*"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"*

BOURBON

### \*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. 826

*"Lift High the Cross"*

CRUCIFER

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (Jun 25)

Greeters/Ushers: Kae Mattingly, Linda Volcek

#### Serving Next Sunday (Jul 2)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Rusty Sudderth

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