

PRAYER LIST — July 23, 2023

**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 (hospitalized with health issues)  
Fran McKinney (undergoing treatment for recurrence of cancer)  
Millie Vernon (back home at 714 Madison Place Circle, Kernersville)  
Rodgers White (health issues)

Bolen Marie Spainhour (broken leg); 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)  
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 Tim Roudabush (Dottie's son—was hospitalized with seizures—now home but still being monitored for seizures); Dottie's daughter-in-law's mother (bladder cancer)  
G. Sharp James Swaim (Baptist hosp. with pneumonia)  
S. Sharp Maria Gomes (friend of Spence & Paulo)  
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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July 23, 2023—*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has searched us and known us. God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

**All: God searches out our path and our lying down. God is acquainted with all our ways.**

One: Before a word is on our tongues, God knows it. God's hand is ever available to guide us.

**All: Such knowledge is a wonder to us. It is beyond anything we can attain.**

One: We cannot escape from God's spirit. There is nowhere to flee from God's presence.

**All: Darkness is as light to our God. God illuminates the way before us. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 318

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

ST. PETER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Search us and test us, that all wickedness may be purged from us, O Creator. Save us from our futile striving after our own advantage. Reshape our will to conform with your intentions for us. We confess that we have allowed weeds to grow in our lives. Our focus has drifted from the harvest you intend to the fears and greed that hold us hostage. Release us from bondage to decay that we may grow in likeness to Jesus Christ. We want to bear fruit for you. Turn us to the brightness of a new day.

*(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: If by the Spirit we put to death the misuse of our bodies, we will live. We are set free from bondage to death to claim the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Live in the hope God offers, waiting with patience for all that God will yet reveal. You will shine like the sun in the realm of God, who leads us in the way everlasting. 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.*

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### SERMON

*"Pulling Weeds"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 714

*"God of the Fertile Fields"*

ITALIAN HYMN

### \*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. 321

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

AURELIA

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (Jul 23)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Kae Mattingly

#### Serving Next Sunday (Jul 30)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram

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