

PRAYER LIST — August 6, 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)
Kae Mattingly (home recovering from a stroke)
Judy Maxwell (health issues)
Fran McKinney (undergoing treatment for recurrence of cancer)
Millie Vernon (health issues)
Rodgers White (health issues)

Bolen **Isaac Bunch** (broken collarbone); 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)
Bowman Stephanie Piraino (daughter—home recuperating from surg. on 7/25)
Budkey 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)
Murray George Murray (recovering at home from procedure to fix two subdural hematomas)
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)
Watts **Kent Watts** (Ellen's son—surg. on 8/8 for heart stent)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Ingram **Maria Braucht** (Jim's sister—at Novant Rehab Hospital)

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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August 6, 2023—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come into the presence of God to be fed. Come to call on God, who is eager to answer.

All: We gather to seek God's face. Let our eyes see all that is right and true.

One: Incline your ears to hear all God would teach. Seek to experience God's steadfast love.

All: We are here to receive God's blessing. God is our refuge in a frightening world.

One: God is near to all who call and seek. Come to praise God and receive a blessing.

All: Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God. We want to renew our covenant with the living God. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and righteousness, whose compassion for humankind was expressed so vividly in Jesus of Nazareth, we bring to you our sorrow and anguish that we have not followed faithfully in the footsteps of Christ. Unkindness and deceit are all around us, and we have sometimes joined in their destructive ways. We waste resources you have entrusted to us. We cause others to stumble and fall. Take away our wickedness, O God, and restore your covenant among us, we pray in Jesus' name.

(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 is merciful, patient, kind, and loving. All creation is subject to God's care and concern. God attends to our cries and frees our lips from deceit. In Christ our brokenness finds healing, and relationships are mended and strengthened. God feeds us in ways beyond our knowing and prompts our generosity. Know the Glory of God surrounding us here as we worship. Celebrate the refreshment God offers. 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

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

"More Than Enough"

Rev. John Pruitt

*You may stand in body or spirit.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 460

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

BREAD OF LIFE

*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. 819

"Be Still, My Soul"

FINLANDIA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

(In remembrance of Ellen & Dale's 50th Wedding Anniversary)

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory and honor of God and are placed by Ellen Watts in memory of Dale's 70th birthday today.

Serving Today (Aug 6)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram

Serving Next Sunday (Aug 13—Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Lorna Foster, Rosalie Nicholson

Element Prep: Nancy Bolen, Nancy Sharp

Assisting Elders: Nancy Sharp, Priscilla Henderson, Rusty Sudderth, Rich Tincher

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