

HEALTH CONCERNS

Donna Bowman (recovering from cataract surg.)
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—cancerous thyroid removed and undergoing treatment)

Budkey Killean Phillipp (injured right leg in hit-and-run motorcycle accident—leg completely turned around
and knee will have to be rebuilt); Richard Hedgecock (bone 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 **Larry Mabe** (neighbor—cancer); **Joyce Wyramon** (neighbor—cancer)

S. Sharp Maria Gomes (friend of Spence & Paulo)

Tincher JoAngie Semonco (breast cancer—surg. 12/19)

Unknown Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Ingram Maria Braucht (Jim’s sister—at Novant Rehab Hospital)
Watts Kent Watts (Ellen’s son—doing well after stent surgery on 8/8)

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 Eric Blauch (who died of a heart attack)



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August 20, 2023—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a Sabbath dedicated to our God. Let this gathering place be a home for all people.

All: May God be gracious to us and bless us. May God’s face shine over all the earth’s people.

One: Let all the people praise the God of all nations. Let us give thanks and enjoy the blessings God gives.

All: May God grant us understanding and courage. May faith grow beyond our doubts.

One: The earth has yielded its blessing. Let all the ends of the earth revere our Creator.

All: God brings us together in unity of purpose. May our circle grow as we welcome newcomers. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

HANOVER

*You may stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for the sin we recognize in ourselves and the wounds we do not see. Show us how we have hurt one another and grant us courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation. Reveal to us our disobedience to you and keep us from leading others into our sin. We seek your mercy for the times we have willfully offended. Help us to put aside all actions and comments that defile. Cleanse us for new life in Christ.

(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 toward us and listens to our honest prayers. Our thoughts and deeds are fully known to God, who is eager to forgive and to lead us to new understandings. When we earnestly seek God's help, we are set free to discover new opportunities. Even in the worst of circumstances, God works with us to bring some good and to preserve 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

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 133

Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON

"Locked Hearts"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 757**

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

NEW MEMBERS AND *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

New members: Donna Bowman, June Crosby, Bill & Rachel Poe and Wanda Sampson

"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. 300**

"We Are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Aug 20)

Greeters/Ushers: Lorna Foster, Rosalie Nicholson

Serving Next Sunday (Aug 27)

Greeters/Ushers: Ellen Watts, Nancy Bolen

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