

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 (Baptist Hosp. as of 10/7 with lung issues—Rm. 7121)
Dottie Roudabush (at Summerstone Health & Rehab Cntr., 485 Veterans Way, Kernersville, Rm. #312)
Stan Stigall (recuperating from COVID)
Millie Vernon (health issues)
Ellen Watts (recuperating from COVID)
Rodgers White (health issues)

Bolen Steve Crutchfield (brain lesions); 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)
Butler Mary & Rodney Robinson (very sick with COVID); Dan Payne (cancer)
Downing **Ed Downing** (eye surg. at Duke Eye Center in Raleigh Wed.); Steve Miller (Shari's brother—cancer)
Kerr Roger Kerr (Kerry's cousin—health issues)
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)
Pruitt Julian Pruitt (John's father—rehab for medical issues)
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 Brenda Johnson (former choir director—assisted living in Walnut Cove); 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)
Watts Chandler Stewart (cousin—metastatic kidney cancer)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen (diagnosed with ALS)
Vernon Prayers for family members
Watts Kent Watts (Ellen's son—travelling mercies—travelling a lot for his job)



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October 15, 2023—20th Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come away from the valleys of misplaced loyalty. Come seeking to meet the God of all worlds.

People: We have come to praise God and give thanks. We believe God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: We come together that our faith might be strengthened. We seek the strength to live by all we profess.

People: God's awesome deeds saved our ancestors. Surely God's steadfast love continues with us.

Leader: God continues to deliver in times of distress. God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: We rejoice that God is near and available to us. We hear God welcoming us to this time of prayer.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all mercy, you have planted within us a desire to observe justice and do righteousness. We want to be fair and honorable, delighting in life shared openly and honestly with family, friends, and co-workers. Instead, we are often defensive, fearful, and distracted. We spend more time with our toys than with your truth. We seek temporary thrills rather than lasting meaning. Then we are disappointed when our “golden calves” bring no fulfillment. We return to you, Loving God, intent on following the guidance we are receiving from you. Save us from ourselves.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Rejoice, knowing that God is always near. Our thanksgiving and our supplications are always heard. The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Find joyous focus for life in all that is honorable, just, pure, and excellent. Know that your goodwill is pleasing to God. Friends, believe the good news...

People: *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

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

HYMN SING

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| No. 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! | No. 337 My Country, 'Tis of Thee |
| No. 2 Come, Thou Almighty King | No. 338 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies |
| No. 8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save | No. 353 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less |
| No. 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness | No. 370 This Is My Father's World |
| No. 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | No. 375 Shall We Gather at the River |
| No. 187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us | No. 406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground |
| No. 188 Jesus Loves Me! | No. 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit |
| No. 223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | No. 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me |
| No. 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! | No. 451 Open My Eyes, That I May See |
| No. 268 Crown Him with Many Crowns | No. 462 I Love to Tell the Story |
| No. 269 Lead On, O King Eternal! | No. 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus |
| No. 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | No. 625 O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art) |
| No. 286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God | No. 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound |
| No. 321 The Church's One Foundation | No. 697 Take My Life |

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*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

*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. 829

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

OLIVET

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Oct 15)

Greeters/Ushers: Linda Volcek, Lorna Foster

Serving Next Sunday (Oct 22)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Kae Mattingly

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