

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., room C809 with lung issues)
Dottie Roudabush (home recuperating)
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 22, 2023—21st Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are drawn to worship by a Reality unseen. The One we call God is beyond human description.

All: God is more than we can ever imagine. We sense God's presence as we meditate.

One: We gather in awe to bring our songs of praise. The Creator of all things has given us life.

All: We are amazed by the wonders around us. We feel God's presence as we sing together.

One: We are summoned by One who is just and merciful. The Ruler of all worlds expects us to respond.

All: How amazing that God chooses us as messengers. We know God is with us as we work for justice. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome God, how puny is our cleverness before the magnitude of your reality! How fleeting are our days measured against the far reaches of eternity! Yet we set our limited knowledge and restricted purposes against your will for us and presume to direct our own affairs and those of the whole world. O God, we are trapped in our pretensions. Turn us from our need for proof to extravagant praise. Turn us inside out so our self-interest becomes concern for all your neglected children. Suppress in us the sinful ways we find so difficult to manage on our own, that we may joyously render to you all that is already yours.

(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: When we allow God to touch us, our malice is melted down, our fears are defeated, our failures are forgiven. God raises us from death to new life, from helplessness to hope, from arrogant self-seeking to humble service. Enter into the joy of true worship. 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.*

Exodus 33:12-33

Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

"Paying Taxes"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

*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. 542

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

GOD BE WITH YOU

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Oct 22)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Dee Barham

Serving Next Sunday (Oct 29)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Dee Barham

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