

**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 **Richard Jones** (Shari's uncle—recovering from heart surg.); 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 29, 2023—22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gather together to hear stories of faith and courage. Listen for the ways God has acted among us.

**All: *Our ancestors in the faith listened for God's word. They dared to believe God's promises.***

One: Leaders like Moses and Paul saw evidence of God's work. They believed they were face to face with God's truth.

**All: *They looked beyond the present moment. They lived for dreams not yet realized.***

One: Many felt God's love in knowing Jesus. They experienced a new relationship with neighbors.

**All: *We have come seeking community centered in Christ. We want to feel God's presence as we worship. Let us worship God!***

\*HYMN NO. 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have missed your signs and wonders because we are so busy creating our own. Those around us who pretend to be your prophets offer little to which we aspire. Yet, we would pray with the psalmist, "Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so we may rejoice and be glad all our days." Where is the meaning we have missed in all our striving? Does Jesus hold the key when he says, "Love your God with all your being," and "Love your neighbor as yourself?" O God, we long to make sense out of life.

*(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 even now nudging us gently, caring for us amid our confusion and inner turmoil. The favor of God is upon us, entrusting us with the gospel for our own lives and for the world. 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.*

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Romans 1:16-17

### SERMON

*"The Best Good News"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

**\*HYMN NO. 385**

*"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*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. 624**

*"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"*

TOULON

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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**Serving Today (Oct 29)**

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Dee Barham

**Serving Next Sunday (Nov 5)**

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Parker, Nancy Sharp

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