

**HEALTH CONCERNS**

Donna Carmichael (Vertigo)  
Deryl 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** (waiting for biopsy report)  
Judy Maxwell (health issues)  
**Shirley Smith** (in Kernersville Medical Center with COVID complications, lung and breathing issues)  
Stan Stigall (health issues)  
Millie Vernon (health issues)  
Rodgers White (health issues)

Bolen Tony Rupard (recuperating from a kidney infections); Anna Rupard (parkinsons); 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 (surgery on 11/9 for right leg injury from a 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 Steve Miller (Shari's brother—cancer)  
Kerr Roger Kerr (Kerry's cousin—health issues)  
Mattingly Lisa Tuttle (stage 4 emphysema)  
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 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)

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

G. Sharp **Rabbi & Shari Mann** (safe in Jerusalem)

**SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO**

The family of Fran McKinney (who passed away on November 1, 2023)  
Bolen **The family of Margie Rust**



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November 19, 2023—25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God. Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

**All: God's love surrounds us here today. God calls us to be children of light.**

One: We belong to the day when we have faith. We live confidently in the hope of salvation.

**All: We seek to be faithful to the best we know. We want to invest the talents God gives us.**

One: Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance. Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

**All: We are here to build up one another. May our worship encourage each of us today. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 714

“God of the Fertile Fields”

ITALIAN HYMN

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are reluctant to face your judgment, all-knowing God. We know we have not fully invested the talents you have entrusted to us. We hide them and hoard them, retreating into a false sense of security. We live in the nighttime of self-protection rather than in the light of full participation in loving, faithful service. We seek to escape your wrath by shrinking from life rather than investing ourselves in the tasks to which you call us. Have mercy on us, O God. We want to be children of the day—your day. Help us!

*(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 has not destined us for wrath but for obtaining salvation through Jesus Christ, who offers us life in all its fullness. Continue, then, to build up one another with encouragement and hope. Look to God each day for mercy and assurance, and be alert to hear God's commands. 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.*

Judges 4:1-7

Mark 12:38-44

### SERMON

*"How Much is Enough?"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 708

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

SCHUMANN

### \*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. 707

*"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"*

HALL

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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Serving Today (Nov 19)

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Ellen Watts

Serving Next Sunday (Nov 26)

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Ellen Watts

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