

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 (starting cancer treatment Friday, November 24)
Judy Maxwell (health issues)
Mike Polinsky (recuperating from knee replacement surg. on 11/21/2023)
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 Killeen 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

Bolen The family of Margie Rust
Smith **The family of Shirley Smith** (who passed away on Friday, 11/17/2023)



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November 26, 2023—Christ the King Sunday

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, God is seeking to gather us together. Like a shepherd searching for lost sheep, God calls us.

All: *Something or someone has summoned us here. Dare we believe that God knows and welcomes us?*

One: God reaches out to rescue all who have strayed. Scattered, weak, and injured ones are drawn to God.

All: *We come, in need of healing, seeking a blessing. Our faith draws us here, in spite of our doubts.*

One: Come, above all else, to worship and give thanks. Make a joyful noise to the Creator of all worlds.

All: *God's steadfast love becomes real to us here. We are reminded of God's immeasurable greatness. Let us worship God!*

*HYMN NO. 643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

NUN DANKET ALLEGOTT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, you are aware of our comfort-seeking weakness. We ignore strangers in need as if they are no concern of ours. We resist programs that might threaten our privileges. We do only enough good to keep us from feeling guilty. We give grudgingly of our time and resources, instead of overflowing with thanksgiving and joyous sharing. We treat the church as our possession rather than letting Christ rule as head of the body. O God, we pray we have not wandered beyond your reach.

(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 says, I will rule between the sheep who respond to the needs of others with compassion, and the goats who pretend that everything is fine. God judges because God loves, and we are invited to share in loving acts that reveal God's care. God is good and is faithful in steadfast love to all generations. 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.*

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

SERMON

"Giving Back to God"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 367** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***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. 336** "We Gather Together" KREMSER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Nov 26)

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Linda Volcek

Serving Next Sunday (Dec 3)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Rusty Sudderth

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