

**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 C80gwith lung issues)  
Dottie Roudabush (home recuperating)  
**Shirley Smith** (hospitalized with COVID at Kernersville Medical Center, room 2137)  
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 Killeen 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)  
Unknown **Rabbi & Shari Mann** (living in Israel)  
Vernon Prayers for family members  
Watts Kent Watts (Ellen’s son—travelling mercies—travelling a lot for his job)



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November 5, 2023—23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ellen Watts

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who are thirsty, whose souls are fainting. Come, all whose troubles seem overwhelming.

**All: *The Source and Creator of all things welcomes us. God hears our cries and is ready to help us.***

One: Come, all who are pure, upright, and blameless. Come, all who dwell day by day in God’s realm.

**All: *The messiah has more to teach us. Jesus turns us from seeking honor to humble service.***

One: Draw near and hear the word of God. Open your lives to the Spirit who fills all things.

**All: *We sense the presence of truth seeking to enter us. We feel the love of God eager to embrace us. Let us worship God!***

### \*HYMN NO. 26

“Earth and All Stars!”

EARTH AND ALL STARS

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, help us to be honest with ourselves, with one another, and with you. We have searched for life amid temporary attractions. We have sought excitement in places that turned out to be desert wastelands. We have burdened others with our mistakes. We have sought honors and made comparisons to look better than those around us. We have devoted little time to thanking and praising you, the Source of all things. Open us now, O God, to the Word we need from you.

*(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 gathers us from the east and the west, the north and the south, drawing us into a caring community where burdens are shared, hope is renewed, and people are freed and equipped to use their God-given gifts. Springs of water emerge from parched lands as we alert one another to blessings we had overlooked. Let the redeemed of the Creator say so. Let us give thanks to God, whose steadfast love endures forever. 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

Ellen Watts

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 107:1-7

Ellen Watts

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 23:1-12

Rev. Nancy Williams-Berry

### SERMON

“Strength in Humility”

Rev. Nancy Williams-Berry

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CHEREPONI

### \*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. 697

“Take My Life”

HENDON

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

### **In Memoriam**

Since November 1<sup>st</sup> was All Saints’ Day, we want to remember those of our Church family who have risen to the Church Triumphant during the past year (November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023).

Paula Self (11/07/2022)

Donna Myers (05/21/2023)

### **Serving Today (Nov 5)**

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Parker, Nancy Sharp

### **Serving Next Sunday (Nov 12)**

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Parker, Nancy Sharp

Element Prep: Lynda Self, Nancy Bolen

Assisting Elders: Priscilla Henderson, Nancy Bolen, Lynda Self, Skip Smith

\*Those who are able, please stand.