

**HEALTH CONCERNS**

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)  
**Judy Maxwell** (medical procedure scheduled for 1/19/24)  
Mike Polinsky (recuperating from knee replacement surg.)  
Stan Stigall (health issues)  
**Millie Vernon** (home recuperating from lumpectomy)  
Rodgers White (health issues)

Bolen **Angie Wilson** (possible ALS diagnosis); Steve Crutchfield (brain lesions); 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 Becca Tate (friend—breast cancer); Richard Hedgecock (bone cancer)  
Butler **Catie Wood** (hospitalized with multiple health issues); Dan Payne (cancer)  
Downing Steve Miller (Shari’s brother—cancer)  
Kerr **Ed Musiol** (triple by-pass); Roger Kerr (Kerry’s cousin—health issues)  
Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—primary progressive aphasia)  
Roudabush Tim Roudabush (Dottie’s son—health issues); Dottie’s daughter-in-law’s mother (health issues)  
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 Bernice Tincher (Rich’s mom—health issues); 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—recuperating from shoulder surg. and travelling mercies—travelling a lot for his job)

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Budkey Linda Spencer (Joy’s neighbor—home from hospital—doing well); Killean Phillipp (had 2nd surgery—home recuperating—supposed to walk around Christmas)  
G. Sharp Rabbi & Shari Mann (safe in Jerusalem)



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January 14, 2024—*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is calling. Do you not hear? You are being called by name, for a purpose.

**All: God, you have searched us and known us. You discern our thoughts from far away.**

One: Do not confuse the siren calls of the world for God’s call. Do not confuse the values of this world for God’s values.

**All: You know, O God, when we sit and when we stand. You know when we lie down and where we go.**

One: Your words and your deeds are known to God. You were known to God before you were born.

**All: Your knowledge of us is more than we can understand. Your thoughts embrace us amid all you have created. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 634

“To God Be the Glory”

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\*You may stand in body or spirit.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our lives are an open book to you. Help us to recognize in ourselves what you have seen there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging our sin. Awaken in us a sorrow over the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. Create in us an earnest desire to change. O God, we are in touch with the pain we have caused and the pain within us. Because of your love and care, we can face and overcome the sins we here confess.

*(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 heard your cries and felt your pain. Your struggles to know yourself are prompted by God's love. God leads the community of faith beyond what is lawful to what is holy. We are not our own, we belong to Christ. We are one in the Spirit. By God's grace, we are turning from self-serving ways to selfless ministries. Above all else, we who were bought with a price seek to honor and glorify God. 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.*

1 Samuel 3:1-10

John 1:35-51

### SERMON

*"Come and See"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 69

*"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*

HERE I AM

### \*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.

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### \*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

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving—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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

### \*HYMN NO. 450

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

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### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (Jan 14—Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram

Element Prep: Nancy Sharp, Lynda Self

Assisting Elders: Nancy Bolen, Nancy Sharp,  
Linda Volcek, Priscilla Henderson

#### Serving Next Sunday (Jan 21)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram

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