

**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** (recuperating from a medical procedure on 1/19/24)  
Mike Polinsky (recuperating from knee replacement surg.)  
Stan Stigall (health issues)  
Millie Vernon (post-lumpectomy tests revealed no additional cancer)  
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)

**SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO**

Newton **The family of Dolly Newton** (Rocky's mother who passed away Tuesday, 1/16)  
Watts The family of Chandler Stewart



# First Presbyterian Church

Telephone: (336) 993-7358 • Fax: (336) 993-5526 • [www.fpckernersville.org](http://www.fpckernersville.org)

Rev. John Pruitt, Pastor

Jane Johnson, Secretary

Stan Stigall, Music Director

January 28, 2024—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised. God's righteousness endures forever.

**All: We come together as a congregation of believers. We give thanks to God with whole hearts.**

One: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy. At all times, God is mindful of the covenant.

**All: The works of God's hands are established among us. We can count on God's righteousness and faithfulness.**

One: Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom. All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

**All: Holy and awesome is God's name. We call on God to empower our worship. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 761

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

BEECHER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we have claimed to have more knowledge than we really possess. We have presumed to judge others on the basis of our limited understanding. We have grasped for freedom without taking full responsibility for our actions. Our witness is weak, and is directed primarily toward those with whom we prefer to associate. By our actions, some of our sisters and brothers are excluded, some are misled, and some are unjustly accused. If we have violated another's conscience, if we have caused someone to fall, we are deeply sorry. For failing to do all Christ expects of the church, we repent and seek your forgiveness.

*(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: All who know God are known by God, whose intention is that we live by eternal values, in loving relationship with one another. God applauds our efforts to rid our lives of pseudo-gods we create, habits that destroy, and prejudices that divide. We count on God to understand us, to free us from our bondage to sin, and to dwell among us, transforming our lives. Friends, believe the good news...

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

### \*RESPONSE

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.**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Mark 1:21-28

### SERMON

*"Time to Exorcise"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

**\*HYMN NO. 707**

*"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"*

HALL

**\*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

### 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**

**\*HYMN NO. 697**

*"Take My Life"* (verses 1-4 only)

HENDON

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

---

---

Serving Today (Jan 28)

Greeters/Ushers: Nancy Bolen, Linda Volcek

Serving Next Sunday (Feb 4)

Greeters/Ushers: Donna Bowman, Rusty Sudderth

\*You may stand in body or spirit.

\*You may stand in body or spirit.