

**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 **Pat Tweedy** (in Wesley Long Hosp. with inoperable brain tumor); **Ed Tweedy** (in Cone Hosp. ICU with head hematoma)  
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 **Martha Edens** (many health issues); Brenda Johnson (former choir director—assisted living in Walnut Cove)  
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)



# 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

February 4, 2024—*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Worship God, who is from everlasting to everlasting! The God of creation does not faint or grow weary.

**All: *How good it is to sing praises to our God! How expansive is God’s understanding of us!***

One: The whole universe is subject to God’s power. Creation continues as the universe expands.

**All: *God rules all time and space, yet cares about us. God is pleased with all who reflect steadfast love.***

One: Sing to God with great thanksgiving. Praise God with the best you have to offer.

**All: *We lift up our eyes to see God’s wonders. We open our ears to receive God’s message. Let us worship God!***

\*HYMN NO. 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Who are we to claim equality with you, Ruler of all worlds? Yet we try to order you around when it is we who should be taking orders. At times, we act as if we can get along without you. In our lives we often pretend we don't need other people. We hoard the gospel as if it were our possession, and thus we do not follow its mandates. We bend your law to our own whims and then excuse our disobedience. Forgive us, God. We are not worthy to carry the name of Christ. Restore us to yourself, we pray.

*(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 calls each of us by name. Every community of faith is known to God, whose understanding is unlimited. The One who knows our hearts is eager to forgive the truly penitent and to empower those who have grown weary. Your strength is being renewed in these moments. You will mount up with wings like eagles. You will run and not be weary. You will walk and not faint. 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.*

Isaiah 40:21-31

Mark 1:29-39

### SERMON

*"God on the Move"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

**\*HYMN NO. 816** *"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"* WER NUR DEN LIEBEN COTT

**\*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. 307** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* CWM RHONDDA

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

---

---

#### Serving Today (Feb 4)

Greeters/Ushers: Donna Bowman, Rusty Sudderth

#### Serving Next Sunday (Feb 11—Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Donna Bowman, Rusty Sudderth

Element Prep: Lynda Self, Wanda Sampson

Assisting Elders: Lynda Self, Rusty Sudderth,  
Linda Volcek, Priscilla Henderson

\*You may stand in body or spirit.

\*You may stand in body or spirit.

Prayers and Liturgy are reprinted by permission of United Church Press from *Led by Love* by Lavon Bayler. Copyright 1996 by United Church Press.