

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)
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)
Rodriguez Julie White (Laura's mother—successful bursitis surgery)
Roudabush Tim Roudabush (Dottie's son—health issues); Dottie's daughter-in-law's mother (health issues)
Self Robie McWatters (Lynda's nephew—injuries from a car accident in South Carolina)
G. Sharp 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

G. Sharp The family of Martha Edens (who passed away 2/7)



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February 18, 2024 — *First Sunday in Lent*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to the time of covenant renewal. The God of our salvation greets us here.

All: We are reminded of God's promises to us. We remember the promises we have made.

One: Sense the Spirit descending on us now. Hear God's welcoming voice.

All: Surely God is with us. We can hear God calling our names.

One: See the rainbow in the sky. Wonder at God's steadfast love.

All: All creation proclaims the wonders of God. We come together to learn what God wants to teach us. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 166

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

ST. FLAVIAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on your church, O God, for we forget the covenant into which you call us. We muddle along in our self-serving schemes rather than waiting on your word. We follow the path of least resistance without seeking your higher way. We forget our baptism into a faith community built on trust and forgiveness. We turn from the vision of heaven to the treacherous hell of competing egos. O God, we turn to you to lead us to a new day. According to your steadfast love, forgive us, 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 is faithful to the covenant, even when we forget. In mercy and steadfast love, God lifts us above the sins of our youth and the transgressions of today. Christ brings us to God that we might receive a new spirit and a good conscience. We are God's beloved children who are welcomed into God's realm right here, right now, in the midst of life. 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.*

Genesis 3:1-7

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

"The Long Way Around"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 165

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

ERHALT UNS, HERR

*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. 167

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Feb 18)

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Wanda Sampson

Serving Next Sunday (Feb 25)

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Wanda Sampson

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