

**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 Matt Chaney (Crohn’s Disease); Hilda Smitherman (congestive heart); 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 Karen O’Dell (Ken & Konnie’s sister—bladder surg.); Steve Miller (Shari’s brother—cancer)  
Joy & Jim **Chip Cole** (friend—brain bleed); **Mickey Hull** (friend—health issues)  
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)  
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**

Downing The family of Scott Bates (Ken & Konnie’s cousin)  
Thach **The family of Alvena Hummer**



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March 3, 2024 — *Third Sunday in Lent*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

**All: We celebrate the steadfast love of God, our Creator. Surely God is faithful to all who live in covenant.**

One: From the sun’s rising to its setting, the creation speaks. Day and night, earth’s creatures announce God’s works.

**All: The commandments of God are clear, enlightening the eyes. God’s law is perfect, calling forth our best.**

One: God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

**All: The ordinances of God are true and righteous. In following them, we gain wisdom and strength. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 394

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have come to your temple, loving God, because this is your place, not ours. We confess that we sometimes forget whose house this is. We forget that all the world belongs to you as we scramble for all we can claim for ourselves. Our actions deny your love, which is at the heart of your perfect law. Our minds have justified the bending and breaking of your law to suit current trends and feelings. We cry out for forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start. Clear us of hidden faults and redeem us from those we recognize and 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: When our prayers become more than pious words; when, in awe before God, we truly seek forgiveness; the Almighty becomes for us a guiding presence. We are healed, strengthened, and set free from our slavery to sin. In steadfast love, God claims us, saying: “You are my people.” 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.*

Exodus 20:1-17

John 2:13-22

### SERMON

*“Zeal for the House of God”*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 320

*“The Church of Christ in Every Age”*

WAREHAM

### \*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. 321

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

AURELIA

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (Mar 03)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Lorna Foster

#### Serving Next Sunday (Mar 10—Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Lorna Foster

Element Prep: Nancy Sharp, Priscilla Henderson

Assisting Elders: Nancy Sharp, Tom Parker,  
Rich Tincher, Skip Smith

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