

**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 **Terry Marshall** (cancer); 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 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)

**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 sur-  
gery—home recuperating—supposed to walk around Christmas)  
G. Sharp Rabbi & Shari Mann (safe in Jerusalem)

**SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO**

The family of Marge Birmingham (former member who passed away March 2, 2024)



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March 17, 2024 — *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The days are surely coming, says our God: the day is here to affirm a new covenant.

**All: We call on God’s steadfast love and mercy. We seek a strong and vital relationship with our God.**

One: God’s law will be written on our hearts. Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithlessness.

**All: We are eager to know the God who loves us. We are ready to learn God’s intention for us.**

One: God offers us the joy of salvation. Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness restored.

**All: We are open to the new and right spirit God offers. We seek guidance for our daily living. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

DARWALL’S 148<sup>TH</sup>

\*You may stand in body or spirit.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We know more of our own transgression than we have been willing to admit, even to ourselves. We cannot escape from sin that clings so closely. By our actions and our neglect, we have done what is evil in your sight. May your judgment help us to face the truth about ourselves. Then wash away the stain of iniquity. Create in us clean hearts, and renew our spirits. We are ready for a new life.

*(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: We are welcomed into God's redeeming presence. We are children of our Creator who loves us. We are brothers and sisters of Jesus, who was obedient to God and faithful to the law of love, even in the face of the cross. Through suffering, Christ became the source of eternal salvation for us, realized when we embrace the covenant in truth and faithfulness. The burden of our sin is lifted from us. 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.*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

### SERMON

*"Don't Give Up"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 819

*"Be Still, My Soul"*

FINLANDIA

### \*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. 353

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

SOLID ROCK

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (Mar 17)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

#### Serving Next Sunday (Mar 24)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

#### Serving Maundy Thursday (Mar 28)

Greeters/Ushers: Linda Volcek

Element Prep: Nancy Bolen, Lynda Self

Assisting Elders: Lynda Self, Linda Volcek

Ellen Watts, Shari Downing

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