PRAYER LIST — March 24, 2024

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)
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- 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)
- Watts Mike Hauser (egg maker—outpatient surg on 3/18)

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

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

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March 24, 2024—Palm Sunday

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Blessed are those who delight in worship. Blessed are the ones who come in God's name.
- All: Give thanks to God, all who assemble here. God's steadfast love endures forever.
- One: Let all who follow Christ sing God's praise. Because of God's help, we are not disgraced.
- All: Open the gates of righteousness that we may enter. The works of God are marvelous in our eyes.
- One: This is the day that our God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- All: Hosanna! Let every knee bow before Jesus! Let every tongue welcome Christ's reign! Hosanna! Let us worship God!
- *HYMN NO. 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that we are as fickle as the crowds of Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it is under attack and link ourselves with the scoffers. When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we are silent, or perhaps lift an uncertain word before the world, for we have not been faithful. We need your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer. (*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 answers us and offers salvation. In the mystery of God, One came among us, fully human yet fully divine, to lead us to the throne of grace. Though in the form of God, Jesus emptied himself, taking a slave's role in humble service to humanity. This was for our sakes, that we might bend our knee before God in humility and trust. 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.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

"Journey to the Cross" (Readings from Mark & Isaiah) Rev. John Pruitt

Sending

ANTHEM

***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. 198	"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"	ST. DROSTANE
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE		

Serving Today (Mar 24—Palm Sunday) Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

Serving Next Sunday (Mar 31—Easter) Greeters/Ushers: Linda Volcek, Rich Tincher Serving Thursday (Mar 28—Maundy Thursday/Communion) Greeters/Ushers: Linda Volcek Element Prep: Nancy Bolen, Lynda Self Assisting Elders: Lynda Self, Linda Volcek, Ellen Watts, Shari Downing

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