

PRAYER LIST — March 31, 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)  
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—travelling mercies—travels a lot for his job)

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Budkey Linda Spencer (Joy’s neighbor—home from hospital—doing well); Killian Phillipp (had 2nd sur-  
gery—home recuperating—supposed to walk around Christmas)  
G. Sharp Rabbi & Shari Mann (safe in Jerusalem)



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March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a great and joyful festival day. Come to celebrate good news.

**All: We gather for worship in awe and wonder. The tomb is empty; death is not the last word.**

One: Sing songs of praise, for God is good. God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**All: God has answered our prayers with salvation. Jesus Christ is alive and we, too, shall live.**

One: Open your hearts and minds to the risen Christ. You are greeted by name and welcomed here.

**All: This is the day that our God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We cannot truly worship you, loving God, until we recognize how unloving we have been. We cannot truly live until we admit the many ways we have been dwelling in death. We cannot know forgiveness until we honestly face the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. We admit before you now the anger and spite we have carried in our hearts, the doubts and fears we have allowed to paralyze us, the misplaced priorities that have led us from your will and way. Help us to break down the barriers we have erected so we can experience new life today. *(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 shows no partiality, but every person who fears God and does what is right finds forgiveness and acceptance. The One who came to embody love among people is ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. In Jesus' name, our sins are forgiven, and we are being saved. The grace of God is extended to each of us on this day of resurrection. Friends, believe the good news...

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

### \*RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

### \*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 25:6-9

Mark 16:1-8

### SERMON

*"Frightfully Good"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 246

*"Christ Is Alive!"*

TRURO

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"The Nicene Creed"*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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. 826

*"Lift High the Cross"*

CRUCIFER

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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Serving Today (Mar 31—Easter)

Greeters/Ushers: Linda Volcek, Rich Tincher

Serving Next Sunday (Apr 7)

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