

PRAYER LIST — April 14, 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)  
Budkey Becca Tate (friend—breast cancer); Richard Hedgecock (bone cancer)  
Butler **Pat & Ed Tweedy** moved to Terra Bella in Greensboro—Pat’s brain tumor is growing rapidly and  
Ed is improving from brain surg.)

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 Tommy Carter (1st stage prostate cancer); 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 sur-  
gery—home recuperating—supposed to walk around Christmas)  
G. Sharp Rabbi & Shari Mann (safe in Jerusalem)  
S. Sharp Paulo Correa (visit to USA)



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April 14, 2024—3rd Sunday of Easter

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has set apart those who are faithful. Our Creator will hear when we call.

**All: God puts gladness in our hearts and minds. We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.**

One: Beloved, we are God’s children now. What we will be has not yet been revealed.

**All: We are here to remember Jesus Christ. We want to be like the One who lived by love.**

One: Our faith strengthens us for each day’s living. God empowers our ministries of caring.

**All: We trust God whose children we are. We look forward to what God will reveal to us. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are disturbed and distressed, O God, by the evil that surrounds us. It is hard to view many people we see as your children: those who kill, abuse, who cheat others and profit at their expense. We feel like victims. Why should we confess our sins when there is so much evil beyond our influence? Yet we know that we do not abide in your love. We sin by turning away from sisters and brothers who are also beloved by you, however they may differ from us. We seek the forgiveness you promise and the health you offer. (*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: Forgiveness of sin is proclaimed to all who repent and seek new life in Christ. The peace of God dwells in us when we can honestly examine ourselves, exposing our wounds to love's healing and our self-deceit to love's correction. Beloved, we are accepted by God whose will for us is a joyous freedom in Christ Jesus. 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.**

Psalm 4

Luke 24:36-48

### SERMON

*"Good News of Great Joy"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 494

*"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"*

QUEBEC

### \*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.

### 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

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving—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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

### \*HYMN NO. 805

*"Come Sing to God"*

ELLACOMBE

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (Apr 14—Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Budkey, Jim Ingram

Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Lynda Self

Assisting Elders: Shari Downing, Kerry Kerr,  
Nancy Bolen, Rusty Sudderth

#### Serving Next Sunday (Apr 21)

Joy Budkey, Jim Ingram

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