

HEALTH CONCERNS

Deryel Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
Lucy Dillon (health issues)
Faye Hodges (resident at Arbor Ridge, 1237 Masten Dr., Apt. 121, Kernersville)
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 **Bobby Crutchfield** (cancer); **Vivian Crutchfield** (health issues); Matt Chaney (Crohn's Disease);
Hilda Smitherman (congestive heart); Angie Wilson (possible ALS diagnosis); Steve Crutch-
field (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 **Rob Grier** (102 yrs old—in ICU with double pneumonia); Becca Tate (friend—breast cancer); Rich-
ard Hedgecock (bone cancer)

Butler Ed Tweedy (resident at Terra Bella in Greensboro)

Chaplin Elizabeth Fellicili (cancer)

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)

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 Killean Phillipp (had 2nd surgery—home recuperating—supposed to walk around Christmas)

G. Sharp Rabbi & Shari Mann (safe in Jerusalem)
S. Sharp Paulo Correa (arrived home safely)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Bolen **The family of Terry Marshall; The family of Amy Bolden**



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May 12, 2024—7th Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are together today because Christ has claimed us. We are called to be the body of Christ in today's world.

All: Who are we to make such a claim? Who would see Jesus Christ when they look at us?

One: It is not our claim that brings us together. The church is not our private club.

All: We are not here just for ourselves, for our own needs. We are drawn together by a larger purpose.

One: We have been called by Christ for a mission. The gathered community is sent out into the world.

All: We are here to be equipped for ministry. We have been chosen as messengers of good news. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pour out our Prayer of Confession. We have been called together into the church to live the resurrection faith, to embody Easter and touch lives as Jesus did. We have not done this well. Our vision has been narrow and limited. Our testimony has been timid and self-protective. We listen to the wrong advisors and complain when things do not go our way. Forgive our limited commitment and low expectations that deny the Body of Christ as the strong force for good that we are meant to be. Help us rediscover the delight and joy of full commitment. *(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 hears our prayers and forgives. No longer are we like chaff that the wind drives away. We are not numbered among the wicked who have no place in the congregation of the righteous. As forgiven and forgiving sinners, let us embrace our chosenness and live up to our calling. 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.

Acts 1:1-11

John 17:6-19

SERMON

“In, But Not Of”

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

*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. 269

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

LANCASHIRE

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (May 12—Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Wanda Sampson, Nancy Bolen

Element Prep: Wanda Sampson, Nancy Bolen

Assisting Elders: Linda Volcek, Rusty Sudderth,
Shari Downing, Rich Tincher

Serving Next Sunday (May 19)

Greeters/Ushers: Wanda Sampson, Nancy Bolen

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