

For Our Continued Prayer Support

Carol Almond (Valerie Mitchell's mother)
Buzz & Grace Ballard
Donald & Mary Ann Ballard (Buzz's brother & sister-in-law)
Theresa Beale
Dean Bernd (Nancy Bland's former co-worker's son)
Lon Bickham
Mindi Biskerski
Family of Mike Blythe
Diane Burgess
Susan Carr
Dianna Curtis (Donna Watson's sister)
Jerry Duck
Hannah Goetz
Becky Gwaltney
Frances Hardy (Erin Beck's grandmother)
Mary Holland (Carolyn Griffin's mother)
Tom Hyatt (Wayne Braswell's friend)
Kathryn Jenkins
Becky Umphlett Kitchen
Family of Sarah Lowe (Carolyn Scott's mother)
Juanita Marshall (Bobbi & Fran's niece)
Margaret Anna Marshall
Jim & Shirley O'Briant
Rebecca Robinson Parker
Kay Peace (Bobbi's friend)
Chris Stubbs
Mary Turner (Edith Scott's mother)
Johnny Wills
Bill Worsham

Names in bold added this week

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: Almighty and gracious God, we are thankful for your eternal presence and for the love you share among all persons through your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear these words and those of our hearts that we share at this moment.

Remember those who are not at peace with themselves having lost the spark of your presence within their life.

People: Place in their path your faithful witness of love and mercy that their heart would not harden against the joys of life and those whom they love.

Pastor: Remember those who find themselves the caretaker of others, especially those who no longer recognize them as spouse or children.

People: Give them the strength of grace to see beyond the challenge and take comfort in their ability to provide the loving care needed.

Pastor: Bless with your comfort those who must endure change within their lives that come with aging, employment, relationships and the unplanned challenges of life.

People: Make your presence known in all times of struggle and give clear light toward a resolution of peace and contentment.

Pastor: Be with your Church and the houses of faith throughout our country that all would be guided by your unconditional love and grace.

People: Hinder the grief that comes from the lack of understanding and intolerance that all your children may live in peace.

Pastor: We lift up those who are in need of your healing spirit. Especially - We pray for the ministry of our community of faith and neighboring congregations; That we may at all times follow our Savior in the ways of justice and mercy for your glory. Grant these requests according to your will, O heavenly Father, in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

People: We rejoice in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

Pastor: We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of Your Church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

People: We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who continue to be witnesses to your love and justice.

Pastor: Loving God, with all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven we give you glory as we say:

Unison: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: (Words of Institution)

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

People: Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other and in all for whom Christ died. Amen.

Pastor: This is the table of our Lord set with bread and the cups of juice. All who desire to share in the presence of Christ and be one with the community of God's people here gathered are invited to participate.

People: This is the bread of life and cup of our salvation. Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Ministering in the name of Christ Jesus, I give you this bread and this cup.