



December 4, 2020

THE EPISTLE

Season of Waiting & Preparation



Advent
Week 2

Find Hope Here

Sedgefield United Methodist Church

2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209

www.SedgefieldChurch.org

704-523-0077

Rev. Jim Brookshire, Pastor

An Advent Video Message



**To View Video Go To:
<https://youtu.be/bx83ndGT8BI>**

Children's Christmas Party Tomorrow

When: 1:00 - 2:30

Where: Fellowship Hall

Please wear a mask. We will be social distancing.

MERRY  CHRISTMAS

New Sermon Series Begins Sunday

The Good News of Christmas

Sedgefield

A Note From a Neighbor

Thank
you



Dear Sedgefield UMC,

Thankyou for your amazing service to our neighborhood. From you letting us use your space, to tutoring sessions, with Mary Jo & Carol, to events like the CAR-nival and so much more. Thank You! The Robards

Operation Christmas Child



The children of SUMC met Saturday, November 21st, to pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The kids were excited about choosing just the right items to fill boxes for 15 girls and 11 boys. The boxes were filled with school supplies, toys, hygiene items, school bags, shorts and/or shirts. It was fun to watch the children pack each box and



then put their own personal note on top. We hope to hear back from a few of the children who received boxes and develop pen-pal relationships with them. Thank you to Sara, Emily, Logan and Allison for your assistance with this worthy mission project. What a valuable lesson the children are learning about the JOY of giving to others!

Blessings!
Mary Jo Bridges
Children's Program Director



CANCELLATION

Operation Christmas Child Boxes



Trips to the OCC processing center have been cancelled due to increased COVID concerns. We hope to resume this volunteer activity in 2021.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, December 6 have been given in honor of Tom Little who will celebrate his birthday on December 7. Tom is active on the Missions and Endowment committees and has served as Church Council chair for the past four years.



SEDGEFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**HANDS
& FEET
OF JESUS**

A stylized icon consisting of a blue hand with fingers spread on the left and a dark grey foot with toes pointing up on the right. The hand and foot are positioned as if they are about to be joined together.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION

COLLECTING

NEW ADULT

GLOVES & SOCKS

FOR OUR NEIGHBORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 10

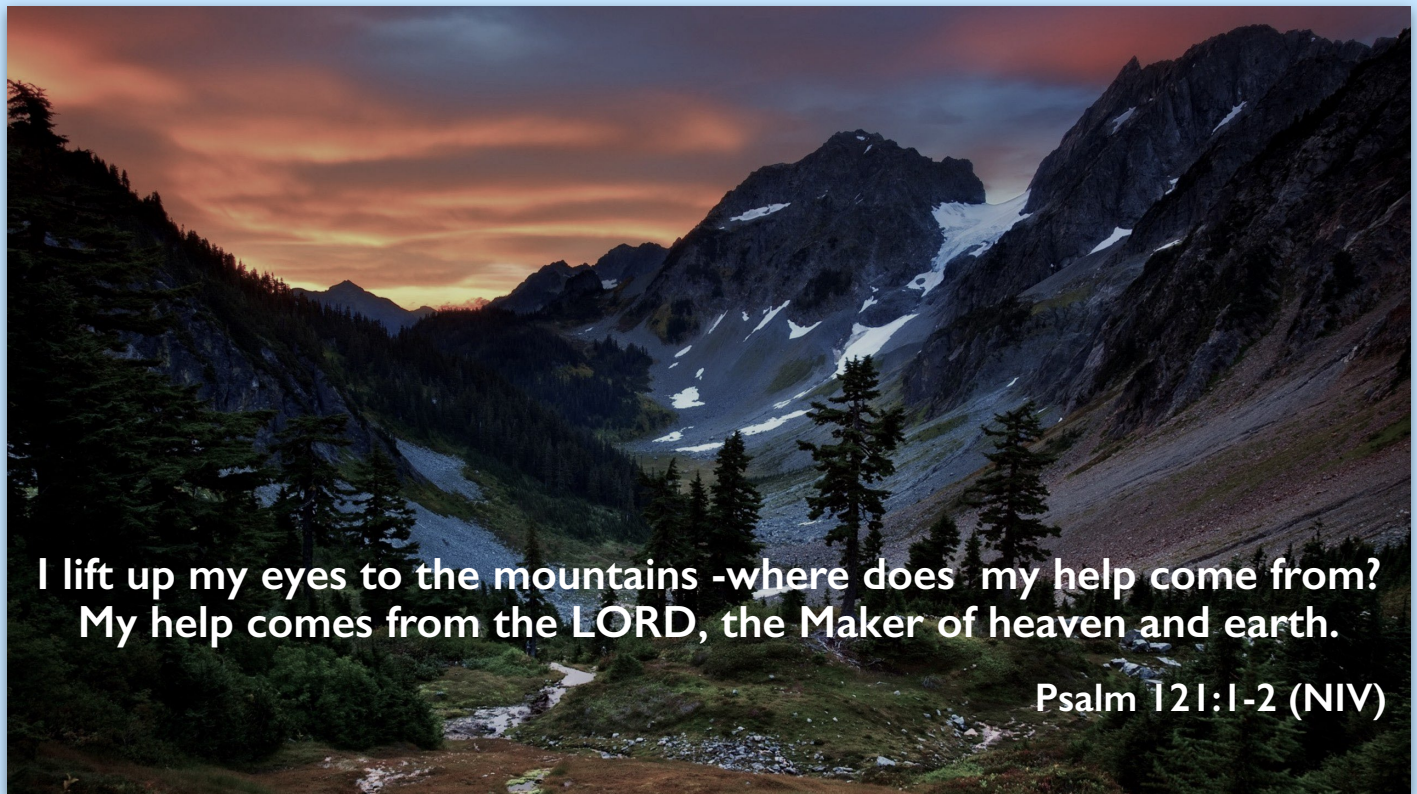
DROP OFF: Sedgefield Church Front Porch
2830 Dorchester Pl.

Remember In Prayer

Jaime Garcia • Ruby Gardiner • Jerry Meyer
Fountain Odom • Tommy Reep • Sue Van Vynckt



*Sympathy is extended to Tessa Bennstrom
(2521 Quail Lake Dr • Charlotte, NC 28210)
in the loss of her brother, Jim Taylor.*



I lift up my eyes to the mountains -where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV)

Holy Communion

Sunday, December 4, 2020

(In Sanctuary Only)



This Week in Worship

Sunday, December 4, 2020

Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

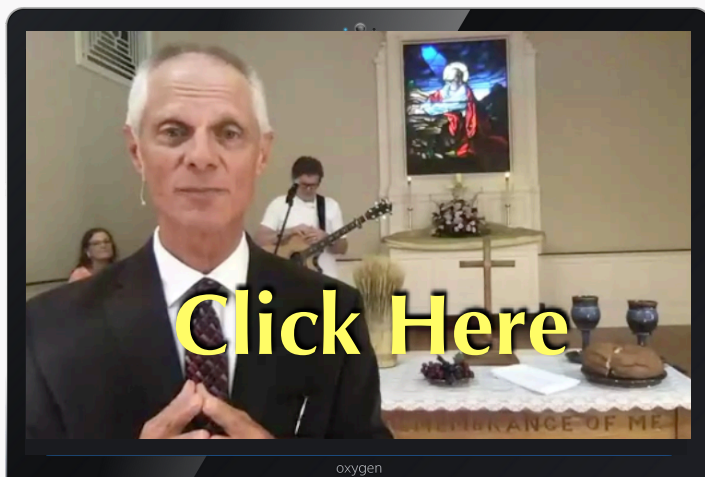
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Message

Great News for You!

Luke 2:10-14

10:30 a.m.



For Online Worship



Study Guide

Something to Think About: The word “gospel” comes from the Old English, “*godspel*” which literally means “good story” or “good news”. So if the gospel is “good news”, why is it most of us allow our circumstances to snuff out our joy? After all, the first century world—a world that embraced the “good news”—faced circumstances far worse than ours. Maybe we’ve forgotten what the “good news” really is. Maybe the original, uncut, unfiltered version of the “good news” is really, really good!.

Read **Luke 1:1-4**. Read it again...slowly this time. What stands out to you, and why do you think Luke begins his Jesus-story in this way?

Think back on the Christmases in your life. What made for a “good” Christmas? Has your Christmas ever been less than good? If so, why?

How are you feeling about Christmas this year...and why?

Read **Luke 2:10-14**. Yes, I know it’s familiar, but read it carefully. In verse 10, the angel brings “good news of great joy for all people.” What was the “good news”? How did it bring “great joy”? And why do you think Luke made a point of saying it was for “all people”?

Read **Luke 6:27-36**. Does any part of this strike you as “good news”? Why or why not?

Does anything about Jesus or his teachings strike you as less than good news? If so, what? Why?

What, for you, is the best news about Jesus?

Daily Prayer: God, help me find the good news about Jesus today and every day despite my current circumstances. And show me ways to help others know of this same good news. Amen.

Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

Set up automatic
contributions
through your
bank's Online
Bill Pay.



Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield
UMC
2830
Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC



Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.

Links to Recent Sermons

September 13, 2020 *Religion & Politics: Back to Basics*

September 20, 2020 *Religion & Politics: It Is Possible!*

September 27, 2020 *Asking the Right Questions*

October 4, 2020 *Massive Faith*

October 11, 2020 *Faith Through Relationships*

October 18, 2020 *Faith Through Discipline*

October 25, 2020 *Faith Through Biblical Application*

November 1, 2020 *Five Glimpses Into Heaven*

November 8, 2020 *Faith Through Personal Ministry*

November 15, 2020 *Faith Through Unwanted Circumstances*

November 22, 2020 *What Do You Say?*

November 29, 2020 *Thanksgiving in the Heart*

Previous services can be viewed at
www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/

CALENDAR

Virtual meetings are indicated with this symbol  and are held via Zoom.

**To join a Zoom meeting by phone, call
1-312-626-6799.**

**To connect by computer, go to
www.zoom.us**



► **Church Council Meeting** ◀

Thursday, December 17

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 896 7766 3153

► **Children's Christmas Party** ◀

Saturday, December 5

Fellowship Hall

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.





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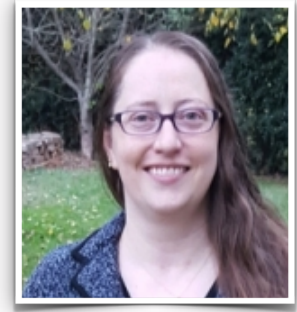
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Worship Leader



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Robin Moore
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