



December 11, 2020

THE EPISTLE

Season of Waiting & Preparation



Advent
Week 3

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Rev. Jim Brookshire, Pastor

An Advent Video Message



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<https://youtu.be/b00p2F-h-xl>**

This Week in Worship

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

Joseph's Story

Matthew 1:18-24

10:30 a.m.



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Study Guide

Something to Think About: For way too many of us, it's hard to find and hold onto joy, especially in the Christmas season. Sad memories, loneliness, being away from our loved ones...and now, we're all dealing with COVID. Ugh! Where's the joy? When the angel proclaimed the "good news" of Jesus' birth. It was *really* good news. It was good then; it's good today, despite your life's circumstances. In Joseph's story, there is some really good news for you. It's the fact that, no matter how you've behaved or what you believe or what may be going on in your life, God is with you...this Christmas season and every season of the year.

What are the circumstances in your life right now that are ...stifling your joy for Christmas? ...enhancing your joy for Christmas?

Would you say your current circumstances are doing more to stifle your joy or enhance your joy for Christmas? Why?

Is the good news of Jesus' birth as good today as it was when Jesus was born? Why or why not?

Read **Matthew 1:18-24**. What stands out as interesting? ...confusing? ...comforting?

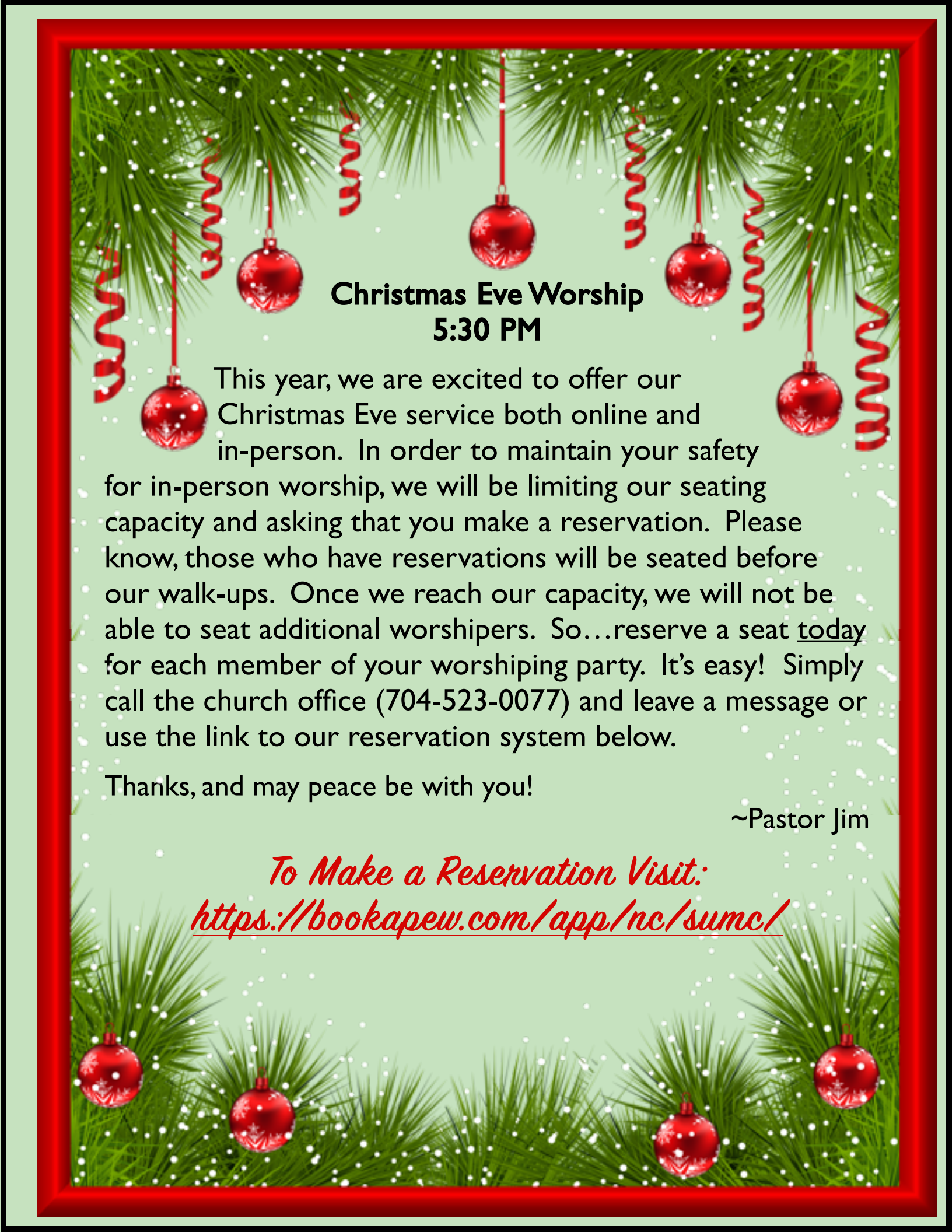
Consider Joseph in the story. How do you think he felt when Mary told him she was pregnant?

Why do you think Joseph wanted to “divorce Mary quietly” upon hearing the news?

Matthew tells us that an angel spoke to Joseph in a dream. Do you find this hard to believe? Why or why not?

What is the significance of the name “Emmanuel”? And why does it matter today?

Daily Prayer: God, give me a sign that you are with me, and help me be that same sign for someone who needs to know that You are with them too. Amen.



Christmas Eve Worship
5:30 PM

This year, we are excited to offer our Christmas Eve service both online and in-person. In order to maintain your safety for in-person worship, we will be limiting our seating capacity and asking that you make a reservation. Please know, those who have reservations will be seated before our walk-ups. Once we reach our capacity, we will not be able to seat additional worshipers. So...reserve a seat today for each member of your worshipping party. It's easy! Simply call the church office (704-523-0077) and leave a message or use the link to our reservation system below.

Thanks, and may peace be with you!

~Pastor Jim

To Make a Reservation Visit:
<https://bookapew.com/app/nc/sumc/>

Remember In Prayer

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

“Fear not,
for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name,
you are mine...”

Isaiah 43:1b (RSV)

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, December 13 have been given by Keystone Montessori School in appreciation for the partnership formed in 2013 between Keystone and Sedgefield. Head of School, Hawley Hoggard, the staff and students send season’s greetings to “the wonderfully kind people of Sedgefield UMC”.



HANDS & FEET OF JESUS



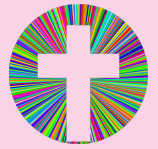
We have been blessed to collect over 230 pairs of gloves & socks to be distributed Sunday morning at an uptown location where many of the neighbors experiencing homelessness are served breakfast.

In addition, we have collected over \$700 in additional contributions that will allow us to reach out early in the year to distribute more items.

Tom Little & Mike Rowe
Project Coordinators



JAM Class This Sunday



We will offer our JAM (Jesus and Me) class to children ages four and up for the next two Sundays, December 13 and December 20. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. in Rooms 205 & Room 208 and everyone will stay socially distanced. Children are asked to bring and wear a mask. I look forward to seeing your child on Sunday.

Kids' Christmas Party

The children met last Saturday, December 5th, for our annual Kids' Christmas party. We began our party by watching a Christmas movie about the birth of Jesus. Next, we learned about the meaning of the candy cane and then created a candy cane ornament using beads. Then we played MANY games of Christmas Bingo. We ended our afternoon drinking hot chocolate with marshmallows, eating a yummy Christmas cookie and listening to Christmas songs! It was a fun afternoon for our kids at SUMC!



Kids' Mission Project

The children are collecting money to buy chicks for families in developing countries through Samaritan's Purse. If you would like to make a donation, please put your money or check in an envelope and mark it Special Funds - Kids' Activities/Chicks. Please drop your envelope in the offering plate in the narthex. Deadline is December 20th. Thanks!




Merry Christmas!
Mary Jo Bridges

Current Sermon Series



December 6, 2020 *Good News for You!*

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

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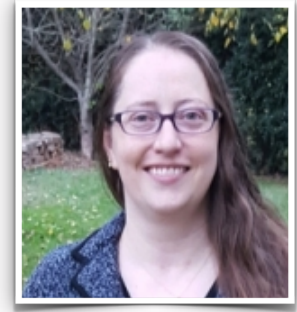
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