



December 18, 2020

# THE EPISTLE

Season of Waiting & Preparation



Advent Week 4

*Find Hope Here*

***Sedgefield United Methodist Church***

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Charlotte, NC 28209

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Rev. Jim Brookshire, Pastor



Sympathy is extended to the family of

***Gerald "Jerry" Meyer***

September 14, 1955 - December 15, 2020



Expressions of sympathy can be sent to: 5215 Lansing Dr • Charlotte, NC 28270



# *An Advent Video Message*



**To View Video Go To:  
[https://youtu.be/4KIqkq3\\_xiw](https://youtu.be/4KIqkq3_xiw)**

# This Week in Worship

Sunday, December 20, 2020

## Pre-Service Music

*Ms. Lynn Hager*

10:25 a.m.

## Message

*Mary's Story*

Luke 1:26-45

10:30 a.m.



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SedgefieldChurchCLT/videos/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/SedgefieldChurchCLT/videos/)



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## Study Guide

**Something to Think About:** So what was so good about the “*good news of great joy for all people*” announced to the first century shepherds? And if it was good news then, is it still good news? If so, what is it? We could all use a little good news today. The original Christmas story is packed with good news for the people of the first century—and—it’s packed with good news for you. In the story of Mary and her cousin, Elizabeth, we find what is perhaps the best news of all. We have each other!

When it feels as if the wheels are coming off in your life, are you more likely to...  
1) handle it yourself or 2) talk with someone about it? Does your way work? Why or why not?

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If you’ve ever sought advice and wisdom from another person during a crisis, describe the circumstances, including how things turned out.

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If you have a go-to person in your life when you need help, who is it? Why do you choose that person?

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Has anyone ever come to you for advice or help? If so, describe the situation. Why do you think they chose you?

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Do you find Mary’s conversation with an angel hard to believe? Why or why not?

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Read **Luke 1:26-45**. Luke says Mary was “confused” by the words of the angel. Why was Mary confused? What other emotions might Mary have been feeling?

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Why did Mary choose Elizabeth to talk to (**Luke 1:5-25**), and why was Mary in such a hurry to see her (**1:39**)?

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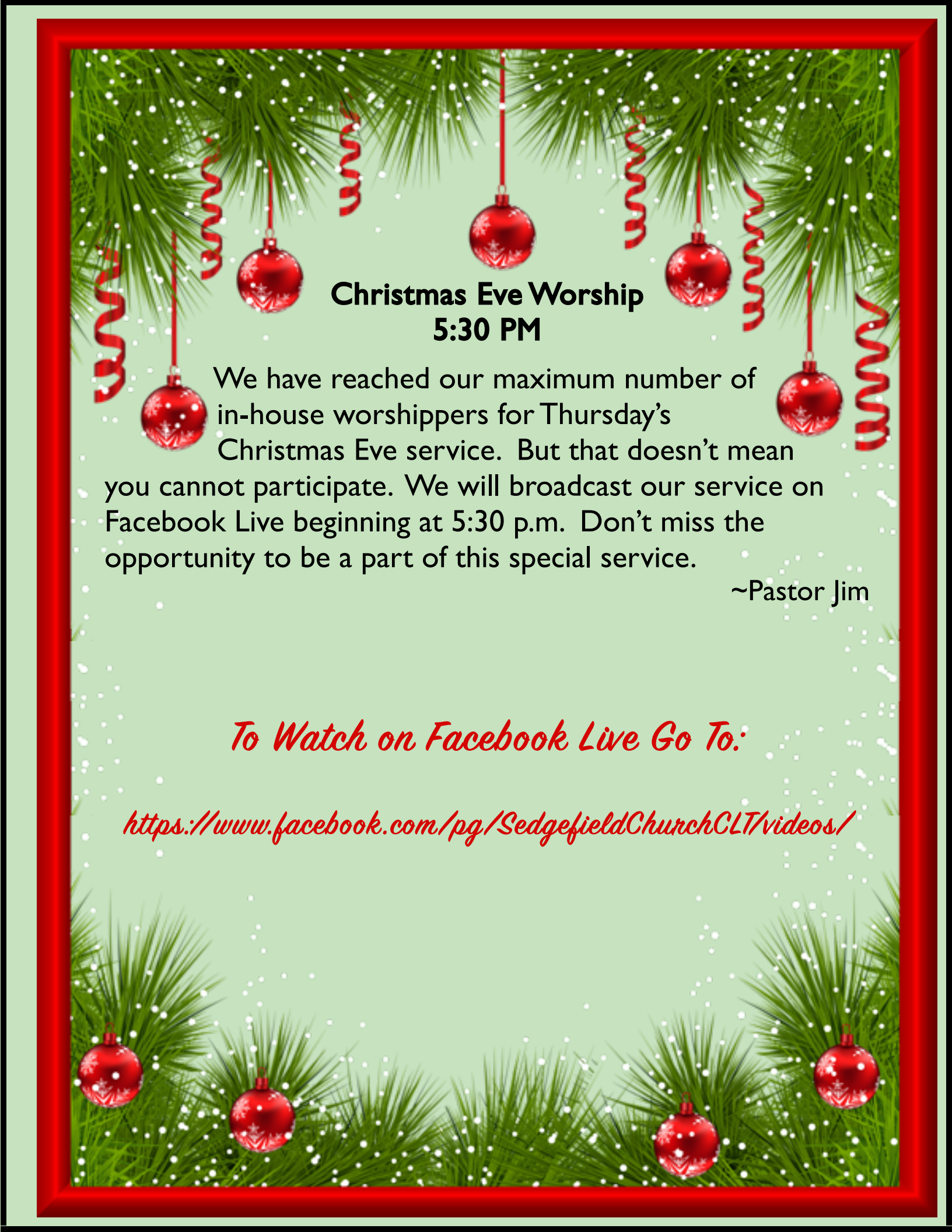
Who is your “Elizabeth”, and for whom could you be “Elizabeth” in this Christmas season?

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**Daily Prayer**: God, give me the wisdom to seek a wise friend or relative for advice when I need it, and help me be that wise friend or relative for someone else. Thank you for the gift of each other. Amen.





**Christmas Eve Worship  
5:30 PM**

We have reached our maximum number of in-house worshippers for Thursday's Christmas Eve service. But that doesn't mean you cannot participate. We will broadcast our service on Facebook Live beginning at 5:30 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this special service.

~Pastor Jim

*To Watch on Facebook Live Go To:*

*<https://www.facebook.com/pg/SedgefieldChurchCLT/videos/>*

## Remember In Prayer

Jaime Garcia • Ruby Gardiner • Fountain Odom

Tommy Reep • Sue Van Vynckt



*The fruit of righteousness will be peace, and the outcome of righteousness, calm and security forever.*

Isaiah 32:17 (CEB)

## Poinsettia Dedications



**Thanks to all the donors who contributed the beautiful poinsettias that fill our sanctuary. A complete list of honorees and donors will be available Sunday morning.**



# HANDS & FEET OF JESUS



On Sunday, December 13 the socks and gloves recently collected were distributed to those experiencing homelessness. Included in their packages, our neighbors also received home baked cookies

provided by Jon Bennstrom. Thanks to your generosity we have a supply of gloves and socks that will allow us to do another distribution later this winter. If you are interested in being a part of this next distribution contact Tom Little (704-699-8697) or Mike Rowe (704-619-8783).



## **News from The Faith Development Committee**

Sedgefield Church is a community partner with our neighboring school – Sedgefield Middle School. We meet virtually each month to discuss the needs of the students and staff and celebrate their accomplishments. Listed below are activities that we participated in during December.

### **Angel Tree**

Thank you to our members who adopted an angel from the Sedgefield Middle School's Angel Tree. Presents were delivered to the fourteen families yesterday. Thanks for being so generous.

### **Family in Crisis**

Sedgefield Middle School had a family in crisis. They had lost their home and were living in their car. Thanks to our church and others, the family has at least two weeks of pre-paid living expenses at a local hotel.

### **Snacks for SMS Staff**

Thank you to our church members who donated candy, cookies, trail mix, etc. for the staff at Sedgefield Middle School. I delivered 84 bags of sweet treats this past Wednesday. We love showing the teachers and staff at SMS how much we appreciate them!



Mary Jo Bridges  
Children's Ministry Director







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If you are interested in providing flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please contact the [church office](#) at 704-523-0077 or call Clara Hedberg at 704-375-9588. The cost of the flowers is \$40.

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## Links to Current Sermon Series



December 6, 2020 *Good News for You!*

December 13, 2020 *Joseph's Story*

Previous services can be viewed at  
[www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/](http://www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/)



## Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



### **Online Through**

[sedgefieldchurch.org](http://sedgefieldchurch.org)

Make a credit card  
or electronic  
contribution.



### **Bank Draft**

Set up automatic  
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### **Online Through**

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# 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](http://www.zoom.us)**



## ▶ **Board of Trustees Meeting** ◀

Thursday, January 7

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 885 9129 8578



# Next Week in Worship

Sunday, December 27, 2020  
10:30 a.m.

## **Message**

*Bishop Paul Leeland*

*Music and liturgy from pastors and churches around our conference.*

**ONLINE ONLY**



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