



January 29, 2021

## THE EPISTLE

ONLINE WORSHIP TO CONTINUE

**COVID-19**  
UPDATES

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Rev. Jim Brookshire, Pastor

# This Week in Worship

Sunday, January 31, 2021

## Pre-Service Music

*Ms. Lynn Hager*

10:25 a.m.

## Message

*The Power of Perseverance*

James 1:1-6



## Study Guide

**Something to Think About:** What do you do when life changes and there's nothing you can do to change it back? What do you do when there's nothing you can do? What do you do when the only question left to ask is, "Now what?" James, the brother of Jesus, suggests we should find joy in our trials and that we should be patient while perseverance finishes its work. Really!? This sounds more like a pep talk than it does practical advice. But what if it's true? What if it's possible?

Do you tend to be patient or impatient? How does that tendency affect your relationships and the way you deal with your circumstances?

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How do you usually handle sudden changes in your life? Do you go with the flow or does the unexpected stress you out?

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Define "perseverance". When have you most needed perseverance in your life? Did you find it? If so, how?

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Read **James 1:1-6**. Do you think it's realistic to be able to consider your trials as "pure joy"? Why or why not?

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Has adversity ever “tested your faith” (**verse 3**) as James suggests? If so, in what way?

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James also suggests we allow “perseverance to finish its work” (**verse 4**). Is perseverance an event or a process? Explain your answer.

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Notice the reference to being “pure and complete, not lacking in anything” (**verse 4**). Describe what that would look like in your life.

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Read **verse 5** carefully and in its context. What does James suggest we pray for when we face trials, and why is he so confident that God will actually give it to us?

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**Daily Prayer:** God, give me wisdom, patience, and strength to allow perseverance to finish its work amid my most difficult circumstances. Amen.



# COVID-19 UPDATE

Earlier this week the Sedgefield Reopen Team discussed the status of in-person worship. The decision was made to continue the suspension of in-person worship through February 28, 2021.

WHAT

## NCDHHS COVID-19 UPDATES

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recently launched a new online tool to help North Carolinians know when they will be eligible to get their vaccine. **Find My Vaccine Group** walks users through a series of questions to determine which vaccine group they are in. You can also sign up to be notified when your group can get a vaccination.

WHEN?

### Current Vaccine Group:

WHO?

- everyone age 65 and older
- healthcare workers with in-person patient contact
- long-term care staff and residents

## Links & Phone Numbers to Vaccine Providers

[Atrium Health](#)  
704-468-8888

[Novant Health](#)  
855-648-2248

[Mecklenburg County Public Health](#)  
980-314-9400, option 3 (to schedule appointment)



If you need assistance in scheduling a vaccine appointment, you can email ([office@sedgefieldchurch.org](mailto:office@sedgefieldchurch.org)) or call (704-523-0077) the church office.

## Resources for Parents



## Altar Flowers

Our altar flowers on Sunday, January 31 are given in honor of the 34th anniversary of Tom and Carol Little. Tom is a member of the Endowment and Missions Committees and Carol is a member of the Board of Trustees and serves on the Faith Development Committee. Both Carol and Tom are members of the Church Council.



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





## 2021 Board of Trustees

On January 7, 2021 the new Board of Trustees met to elect officers for the upcoming year. And, on Leadership Day the Trustees met to assign their areas of responsibility.

Meet the Board of Trustees...



**Judy Harris, Chair**  
Area: *Keystone*



**Bruce Lankford, Vice Chair**  
Area: *Electrical & Technology*



**Luis Tochiki, Secretary**  
Area: *Insurance & Capital Improvements*



**Carol Little**  
Area: *Building & Repairs*



**Jessie Smith**  
Area: *Grounds*



**Terah Starbuck**  
Area: *Custodian & Small Jobs*

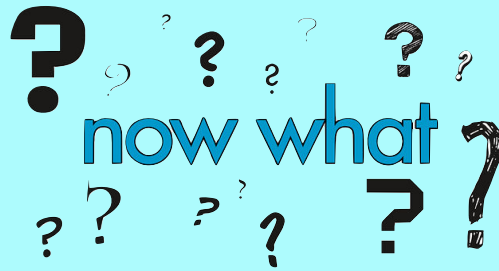


**Pat Stout**  
Area: *HVAC & Plumbing*



**Kip Wilcox**  
Area: *Capital Improvements*

## Links to Current Sermon Series



### *No Way Out*

Matthew 4:12-13; Matthew 11:1-6  
January 10, 2021

### *The Gift of Pain*

2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
January 17, 2021

### *The Secret of Contentment*

Philippians 4:10-13  
January 24, 2021

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  
contributions  
through your  
bank's Online  
Bill Pay.



### Church

Mail your check to:

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### Online Through

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

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or electronic  
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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, February 4

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 885 9129 8578



## ▶ **Church Council Meeting** ◀

Thursday, February 18

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 896 7766 3153



## ▶ **Faith Development Meeting** ◀

Sunday, February 21

5:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 863 5468 5880



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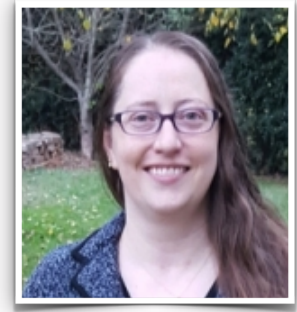
**Ron Aldridge**  
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