

An Invitation

You are invited to write your own letter(s) and reflections this advent season based on Season's Greetings.

I'd love to hear your reflections through our Season's Greetings mailbox, through email, or on Sunday night.

You are also invited to share your reflections on Sunday morning. Please contact me if you are interested.
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Each week you are invited to use these questions and others in Season's Greetings by Ruth Boling to focus and expand the gift of Christmas.

Reflect on Elizabeth's Letter

1. One Hebrew translation of the name Elizabeth is "God's promise." Another is, "My God is generous." Re-read the scripture selections from Luke 1, substituting each of these translations for the name Elizabeth and for the pronouns that refer to her.

What do you notice?

2. This letter portrays Elizabeth as being alert to God's surprises, wary of them, and ultimately overjoyed by the sacred enormity of her Christmas moment with Mary.

What, if anything, is surprising about Christmas as we celebrate it today?

Where, if anywhere, do we experience the sacred enormity of the Incarnation?

3. "What Christmas means to me is beyond me," Elizabeth writes. **What do you think is meant by this statement?**

In what ways does the Incarnation touch you personally?

In what ways does it take you out of yourself into something larger?

Write your own letter

Who would you write a letter to? Are you writing in the voice of someone or yourself?

- What does Christmas mean to you?
- What has Christmas meant to you in the past?
- What do you want Christmas to mean?
- What do you make of Christmas the way we celebrate it today?
- What could you make of it instead?
- How will you go about putting your intentions into actions?

