

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

2nd Sunday of Advent ~ Imagine Joy

December 12th, 2021

“But what would our spirits be, O God, if they did not have the bread of earthly things to nourish them, the wine of created beauties to intoxicate them, and the conflicts of human life to fortify them?” – Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

“This is the time of Las Posadas, the time of joy, preparation and waiting.

Why do people carry lanterns in the procession of Las Posadas?

Because all those carrying the lanterns represent the stars which illuminate the way for the shepherds who make their way to the house of the birth.” – Celestina Castro

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

We Light a Candle for Joy VT 916

Scripture Zephaniah 3:14-20

Song *Rejoice Greatly*
from Handel's Messiah

A Time for All God's Children

The Poet's Word *Don't Hesitate* Mary Oliver

Scripture Isaiah 12:2-6

Sermon David Moser

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn *My Soul Cries Out*

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

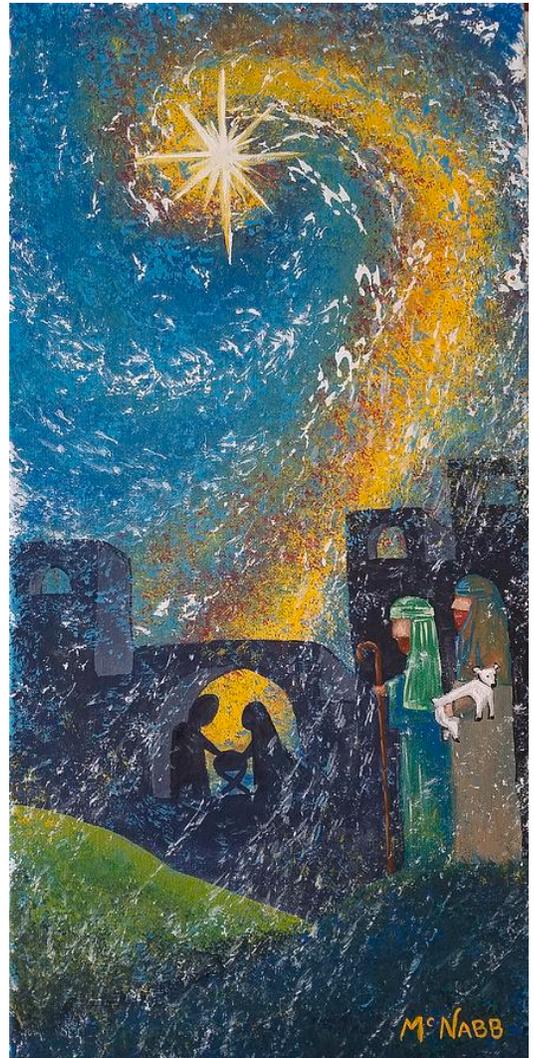
THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Benediction

Carols of Joy

Joy to the World VT 240

O Come All Ye Faithful VT 241



Johnny McNabb, Nativity Light

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