

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Christmas ~ Imagine Christ With Us

December 26th, 2021

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come!"

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship & Lighting the Christ Candle

Reader 1: The Christ child **is** born;

Reader 2: Love is with us.

Reader 1: The Christ child **is** born;

Reader 2: Peace is sent for all the earth.

Reader 1: The Christ child **is** born;

Reader 2: Joy to the world!

Congregational Response - Hallelujah!

Hymn *Joy to the World*

The Children's Choir Bulgarian National Radio

The Poet's Word of Confession

XXI by Wendell Berry

Congregational response

We fear the time to come.

*Quicken our minds that we might stand in the
light again.*

*Seeing the light, we will seek the Christ child born
this day.*

Song *The Wexford Christmas Carol*

Yo-Yo Ma and Allison Krause

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Scripture John 1:1-5 [translation by David Moser]

Song *John 1:1-5* by Scripture to Song

Scripture Galatians 4:4-6

A Time For All God's Children

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Song *Holy is His Name* by The Tripodi Sisters



RESPONDING TO THE WORD (cont.)

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Benediction

Christmas Carols sung together

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