

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3rd, 2023

BC:AD by U.A. Fanthorpe

*This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.*



Grant Wright Christian,
Waiting for the Mail.
mural study,
Nappanee, Indiana Post Office),
1937, oil on canvas.

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music and Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, tear open the heavens and come down
so that the mountains would quake at your presence!

High voices: *No one has heard,*

Low voices: *no ear has perceived.*

People: *No eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for you.*

Leader: No one knows when the time will come.

People: *How long must we wait?* (pause)

All: Together we wait.

Hymn *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* **VT 218**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

The Poet's Word *Seventeens* by Amit Majmudar

A Time for All God's Children

Offering

Hymn *We Dream of a Turning* **VT 209**

Scripture *Mark 13:24-37*

Sermon David Moser

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn *Poor of the Earth* **VT 213**

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Hymn *Bless'd Be the God of Israel* **VT 223 v. 1**

Benediction

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