

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

4th Sunday of Advent ~ How will we know . . . WHO?

BC:AD by U.A. Fanthorpe
And this was the moment
When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect
Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

December 24th, 2023

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship *Nativity* by Kenneth Steven

Hymn *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* **VT 210**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Scripture Luke 2:1-15

The Poet's Word *How the Natal Star Was Born*
by Violet Nesyoly

Hymn *To Us a Child of Hope* **VT 259**

A Time for All God's Children

Offering

The Poet's Word *Remembering that it Happened Once*
by Wendell Berry

Hymn *What Child is This?* **VT 267**

The Poet's Word *Song of the Shepherds*
by Richard Bauckham

Hymn *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* **VT 247**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

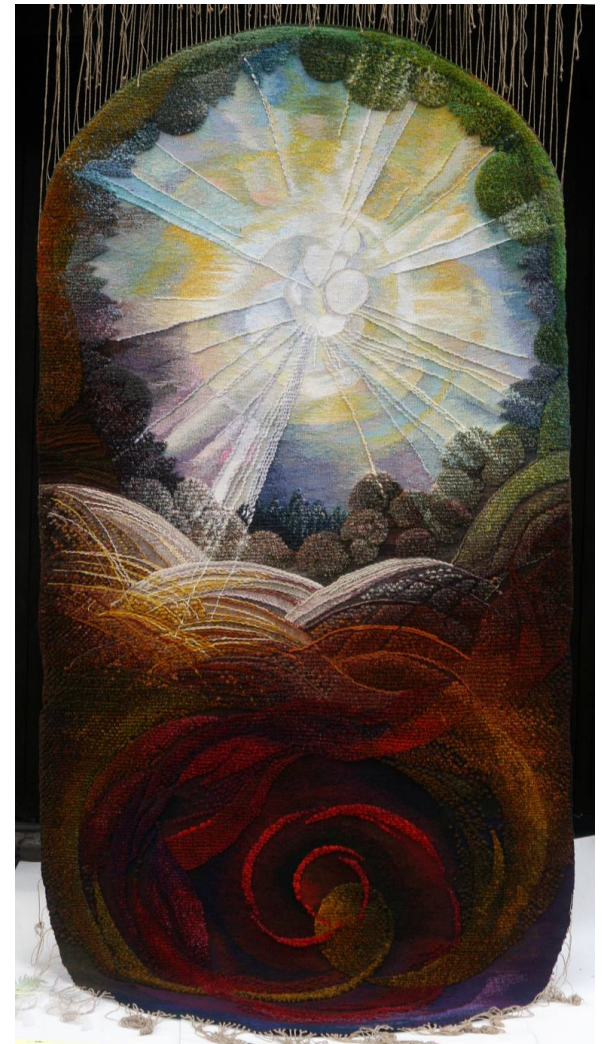
Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Benediction

Postlude



Maija Purgaile ADVENT. 2002,
350x155cm, wool, linen, synthetic.

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