

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Christmas: Who Sees It?

December 29th, 2024

Worship is a way of seeing the world in the light of God - Abraham J. Heschel (1907-1972)

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Call to Worship based on Psalm 131:1-3

Leader: As we worship today,
God, we ask this of you:

People: *Wipe pride from our hearts,
That we might truly love one another.
Rinse conceit from our eyes
That we might see one another as you see.*

Leader: We rest in your promises and wait for you.

People: *Calm and quiet, we trust in you.*

Leader: Open our hearts,

**All: *That we might let go of all that separates us from
you and one another.***

Hymn Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing **VT 7**

The Poet's Word *Hush Child (Get You Through This Silent Night)*

Lighting the Christ Candle

Passing the Christ Light

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

A Time for All God's Children *Earthrise*

Hymn *God Is Working This Purpose Out* **VT 770**

Scripture Luke 2:21-38

Hymn

The Poet's Word *Remembering that it happened once*
by Wendell Berry

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn *Hark! The Glad Sound!* **VT 217**

Offering *Justice Will Sprout from the Ground*

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

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

Benediction based on Luke 2:29-32

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Severino Blanco,
Simeon Blessing the Christ Child, 1980s.



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