Second Presbyterian Church
Oxford, New Jersey
December 12, 2010

Prelude Robert Jelks

*** Song of Praise *Welcome Into This Place*

Call to Worship

Lighting The Third Candle Of The Advent Wreath [The Patersons]

(Our Advent Wreath reminds us of the approaching celebration of Jesus' birth. The evergreen leaves remind us that God's love is everlasting; the round wreath symbolizes God's eternal love; the light of the candles stands for the light which Jesus brought into a dark world. Each Sunday in Advent another of the candles in the circle is lit, and the Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve.)

*Hymn *O Come All Ye Faithful (vs. 1)* *#188*

Responsive Reading:

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy.
People: May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.
Leader: May the Joy of Christ fill our hearts and minds.
People: May the joy of our salvation spread to our neighbors and our communities until all the world chimes into our shouts of praise.

Hymn *O Come All Ye Faithful (vs. 3)* *#188*

*Greet One Another – followed by *Bind Us Together* *# 130*

Scripture Reading *Psalm 146* *P. 660*

Unison Prayer of Confession

We praise you, LORD for your great mercy in Christ Jesus, our high priest who gave himself for us--once and for all. Through your Son Jesus you call us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We confess that in our weakness we do not know how to love as we ought. Forgive us and teach us, God of love; hear our prayer! We praise and thank you for those who strive for peace and justice in our world. Bless their endeavors so that the senseless killing might cease, that the earth may be cleared of hunger, poverty, injustice and war and that we may start to love one another as we love ourselves. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon
** *Gloria Patri*

Concerns of the Fellowship

Prayers of the People & *The Lord's Prayer*

***Song of Praise *I Worship You*

Offering
* *Doxology*

*Hymn of Preparation *Blessed Assurance* *# 295*

Scripture Reading James 5:7-10 *P. 1269*

Sermon Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards

"Are We There Yet?"

*Hymn of Commitment *Spirit of the Living God* *#150*

*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* *# 153*

*Postlude

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*Congregation standing
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Following the service, please join us in the Chapel for refreshments!