

Second Presbyterian Church  
Oxford, New Jersey  
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December 4, 2011

Prelude Robert Jelks

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

Call to Worship

Lighting The Second Candle Of The Advent Wreath (*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 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* #187

\*Greet One Another - followed by *Bind Us Together* #130

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 P.754  
Tim Richards

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of justice and God of mercy, forgive us this day of our sins and failings, and help us to live as the people you call us to be. We trust in your mercy, through the gift of your son Jesus, our Lord. We long for a world without strife, wars, hunger, and pain. While we await your Kingdom, prepare our hearts and minds for your purposes here on earth. God of all nations, races, confessions, and cultures; in Christ you became one with us in our humanity. Enable us to live as grace-filled people, spreading the good news wherever we go in Jesus name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*\* *Gloria Patri* #620

Concerns of the Fellowship  
Prayers of the People & *The Lord's Prayer*  
\*\*\*Song of Praise *I Worship You*

Offering  
\* *Doxology* #623  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn of Preparation *Draw Me Nearer* #412

Scripture Reading 2 Peter 3:8-16 P.1277

Sermon The Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards  
"Living Our Best"

\*Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* - vs. 1 & 2 #265

Service of Communion  
Communion Covenant #223

\*Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* - vs. 3 #265

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Hymn *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #153

\*Postlude

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\*Congregation standing  
\*\*Inside front of hymnal  
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*Following the service, please join us next door  
in the Chapel for refreshments  
Provided by the Deacons*