

Second Presbyterian Church
Oxford, New Jersey
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December 11, 2011

Prelude Robert Jelks
*** Song of Praise *Welcome Into This Place*

Call to Worship

Lighting the Third 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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - vs. 1 & 2 #186

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

Scripture Reading *Psalms 126* P.651
Dot Purdy

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Life and Joy, forgive us our sins and shortcomings.
Help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, our Lord, the light of the world. Illuminate our waiting and watching, our praying, thinking and our acting with the light of the gospel so that we may produce the fruit of patience. May the whole world recognize the healing and saving ministry of Christ through us as we reach out to a world filled with dark shadows. 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 *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* #196

Scripture Reading *I Thessalonians 5:16-24* #1239

Sermon The Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards

"Your OTHER To-Do List"

*Hymn of Commitment *Be Still, My Soul* #457

*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #153

*Postlude

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