

Second Presbyterian Church  
Oxford, New Jersey  
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December 18, 2011

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

Call to Worship

Lighting the Fourth 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. 3-5 #186

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

Scripture Reading *Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26* P.623  
*Carol Martin*

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Grace and Surprise, we stand in awe and wonder of your plan of salvation, which confounds the wisdom of this world. We thank you for your faithfulness to us even when we are unfaithful to you. Forgive us for our unbelief and doubt. Forgive us for not reaching out to those who suffer, to those who are impoverished and victimized. Help us to care for the least of our brothers and sisters, so that the world will see in us the good news of Emmanuel, God-with-us, in whose very name we pray. 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 *Once In Royal David's City* #217

Scripture Reading *Luke 1:26-38* P.1070

Sermon The Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards  
"Nothing is Impossible with God"

\*Hymn of Commitment *Blessed Assurance* #295

\*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 Radmore Family***