

Second Presbyterian Church  
Oxford, New Jersey  
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December 8, 2013

Prelude Robert Jelks

\*Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (vs 1)* #187

Call to Worship

\*Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (vs 2)* #187

Lighting the Second Candle of the Advent Wreath - *The Riley Family*

\*Hymn Oh, Come O Come Emanuel (vs. 1) #186

**Responsive Reading:**  
Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way.

**People: May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.**

Leader: May the Love of Christ fill our hearts and minds;

**People: May we be found faithful to His commission on the Day of our Lord's glorious return.**

**All: God of justice and God of mercy, on this second Sunday of Advent we await the glorious return of your Anointed One. Prepare our hearts and minds for your purposes. 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.**

\* Hymn Oh, Come O Come Emanuel (vs. 2) #186

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

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 11:1-10* P. 725  
*Patrick Riley*

Unison Prayer of Confession  
God of Grace and Mercy, empower us to live a holy life before you; help us to watch and wait for you knowing that Your return could be even today. Forgive us our failings, and help us to live as those who eagerly await your promise of redemption in all that we do. Through Jesus our Christ and Redeemer. 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 *Come Christians, Join to Sing* # 70

Scripture Reading Romans 15:1-13 P. 1190

Sermon The Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards  
"No One Left Out"

\* Hymn *Draw Me Nearer* #412

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Hymn Sweet, Sweet Spirit #153

\*Postlude

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\*Congregation standing \*\*Inside front of hymnal  
\*\*\*Inside back of Hymnal

***Following the service, please join us next door  
in the Chapel for refreshments  
Provided by Pam Pels***