

Second Presbyterian Church
Oxford, New Jersey
December 14, 2014

Prelude Robert Jelks

*Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1)* #186

Call to Worship

*Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 3)* #186

Lighting The Third Candle Of The Advent Wreath

The Mohr Family

(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 4)* #186

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

Scripture Reading *Psalms 126* P.651

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*

Concerns of the Fellowship

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

Offering

* *Doxology*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Preparation *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* #196

Scripture Reading I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Sermon The Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards

"It's Really Quite Simple"

*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 our
Advent Pot Luck Party*