

Second Presbyterian Church

Oxford, New Jersey

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December 20, 2015

Prelude Robert Jelks

Call to Worship

Lighting the Fourth Candle Of the Advent Wreath – Waldele 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 Christmas Tree* # 221

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

Scripture Reading *Psalms 80:3-7* P.619  
*Bobby Radmore*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Father of all creation and Shepherd of our souls, we come to you with humble hearts asking forgiveness for our sins. We confess that we have rebelled against your love. Even though our lips have sung your praises on Sunday mornings, we have turned away from you and followed the ways of the world in our daily lives. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, we have not heard the cry of the needy, and we have not devoted our lives in the spirit of your holy Gospel. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us into perfect union with your will and purposes. In the Name you have set above all names, Jesus, our Prince of Peace 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

Scripture Reading *Luke 1:39-55* P.1070

Sermon The Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards

“The Real Spirit of Christmas”

\*Hymn of Commitment *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* #191

\*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!***