

Second Presbyterian Church

Oxford, New Jersey

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December 11, 2016

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 Third Candle of the Advent Wreath

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

Responsive Reading:

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy

People: May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

L: May the Joy of Christ fill our hearts and minds

P: May the joy of our salvation spread to our neighbors and our communities until all the world chimes into our shouts of praise.

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

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

Scripture Reading *Psalms 146*

Unison Prayer of Confession

We praise you, LORD for your great mercy in Christ Jesus. We confess that in our weakness we do not know how to love as we ought. Forgive us and teach us, God of love; hear our prayer! We praise and thank you for those who strive for peace and justice in our world. Bless their endeavors so that the senseless killing might cease, that the

earth may be cleared of hunger, poverty, injustice and war and that we may start to love one another as we love ourselves. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
** *Gloria Patri* #620

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

Offering
* *Doxology* #623
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Preparation *O Come All Ye Faithful* #188

Scripture Reading James 5:7-10 P. 1269

Sermon The Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards
"Waiting..."

* Hymn *Soon and Very Soon* #559

*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 Potluck Luncheon***