

Second Presbyterian Church
Oxford, New Jersey
December 5, 2010

Prelude Robert Jelks

*** Song of Praise *Welcome Into This Place*

Call to Worship

Lighting The Second Candle Of The Advent Wreath – The Radmores

(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 *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

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of justice and God of mercy, on this second Sunday of Advent we come before you, confessing our sins and wrongdoing. We ask for your forgiveness, trusting in your mercy. You have promised us through your prophet Isaiah a kingdom of justice, righteousness, and mercy. Now give us willing hearts to be your messengers, and use us for your purpose just as you used our ancestors to prepare the way for salvation through Jesus, our Lord. Amen

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

** *Gloria Patri*

Concerns of the Fellowship

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

***Song of Praise *I Worship You*

Offering

* *Doxology*

*Hymn of Preparation *Come Christians, Join to Sing* # 70

Scripture Reading Romans 15:4-13 P. 1190

Sermon Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards

"Where to Find Hope"

*Hymn Joy to the World! #192

Service of Communion #223

*Hymn *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* # 153

*Postlude

*Congregation standing

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