

Second Presbyterian Church
Oxford, New Jersey
December 19, 2010

Prelude Robert Jelks

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

Call to Worship

*Hymn *Joy to the World!* (vs. 1) #194

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 fourth 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 *Joy to the World!* (vs. 2) #194

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

Scripture Reading *Romans 1:1-7* P. 1775

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. We confess that we are a broken people, in need of your forgiveness and transformation. Grant that, being born in our hearts, Jesus may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator. To You, Mighty God, be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. 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 *I Wonder as I Wander* # 210

Scripture Reading *Matthew 1:18-25* P. 1007

Sermon Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards

"Full of Surprises!"

*Hymn of Commitment *How Great Our Joy!* # 192

*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* # 153

*Postlude

*Congregation standing

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***Following the service, please join us
in the Chapel for refreshments!***