

Second Presbyterian Church

Oxford, New Jersey

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November 30, 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 First Candle Of The Advent Wreath

The 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 Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 4)* #186

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

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 64:1-9* P.783  
*Bonnie Riley*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, on this First Sunday of Advent, we confess that too often we live as if you are not even there; as if we alone are lords of our destinies; as if our needs and wants and desires are all that matters. And yet, we are forced to see that the things of the world never last, and never really satisfy. Forgive us our foolishness and selfishness, we pray. Break through our hard-headedness and stubborn resistance. Help us to trust and believe and welcome you into our lives, as the savior you truly are. 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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #442

Scripture Reading *Mark 13:24-37*

Sermon The Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards  
"We Hate to Wait"

Hymn of Commitment *Revive Us Again* #95

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  
Provided by Doug Anderson***