

Second Presbyterian Church
Oxford, New Jersey
December 21, 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 Fourth Candle Of The Advent Wreath

The Riley 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 *Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26* P.623
Valerie Anderson

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Grace and Surprise, we stand in awe and wonder of your plan of salvation, which confounds the wisdom of this world. We thank you for your faithfulness to us even when we are unfaithful to you. Forgive us for our unbelief and doubt. Forgive us for not reaching out to those who suffer, to those who are impoverished and victimized. Help us to care for the least of our brothers and sisters, so that the world will see in us the good news of Emmanuel, God-with-us, in whose very name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

** *Gloria Patri*

Concerns of the Fellowship

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

* *Doxology*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Preparation *Once In Royal David's City* #217

Scripture Reading *Luke 1:26-38*

Sermon The Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards
"Ready To Serve"

*Hymn of Commitment *Blessed Assurance* #295

*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #153

*Postlude

*Congregation standing

**Inside front of hymnal

***Inside back of Hymnal

***Following the service, please join us next door
in the Chapel for refreshments!
Provided by the Riley Family***