

Second Presbyterian Church
Oxford, New Jersey
December 25, 2016

Prelude Robert Jelks

Call to Worship

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

P: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

L: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

P: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

P: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

L: Let us praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

*Hymn *Ring the Bells (2x)* #203

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

Scripture Reading *Psalms 148*
Barbara Black

Unison Prayer of Confession

Shepherd of our soul, we come to you with humble hearts asking forgiveness for our sins and shortcomings. We confess that we have rebelled against your love. We have turned away from you and followed the ways of the world. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, we have not heard the cry of the needy, and we have not devoted ourselves to you in the advancement of your kingdom on earth. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to perfect union with your will and purpose. By your Spirit empower us to render our offerings of time, service, devotion and tithes from the sincerity of our hearts. We pray in the Name you have set above all names--Jesus our King. Amen!

Silent Prayers of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri #620

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

Song of Praise *I Worship You*

Offering

**Doxology* #623

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* #206

Scripture Reading *Matthew 2:1-23*

Sermon Rev. Joicy Becker Richards
"Living in Exile"

* Hymn *Here, O My Lord* (vs 1 & 2) #259

Communion #223

* Hymn *Here, O My Lord* (vs 3 & 4) #259

*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #153

*Postlude

*Congregation standing

*Following the service, please stay
And join us for fellowship
Provided by the Barbara & Mel Black*