

Second Presbyterian Church  
Oxford, New Jersey  
December 6, 2009

Prelude Robert Jelks

\*\*\* Welcome Into This Place

Call to Worship

**Lighting The Second Candle Of The Advent Wreath -**  
The Alexander 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* # 186

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

Scripture Reading *Luke 3:1-6* P.1073

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, the Refuge of every sinner and the Strength of all who put their trust in you, we confess to you our sins and failings. Grant us your grace that we may receive your forgiveness with thanksgiving and reflect your mercy. Use us as your witnesses in bringing the message of pardon in Christ to men and women everywhere. Open our eyes to a better understanding of your Word and a deeper appreciation of your grace that our faith in Christ Jesus may grow and flourish with the fruits of righteous living. Amen.

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*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn of Preparation *Great is Thy Faithfulness* # 17

Scripture Reading *Luke 1:68-79* P. 1071

Sermon The Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards

"Turn Around, or You'll Miss It!"

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

Service of Communion  
Communion Covenant #223

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

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Hymn *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #153

\*Postlude

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\*Congregation standing  
\*\*Inside front of hymnal  
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Greeter: Timothy Richards

Fellowship: The Deacons

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