

**Announcements**     *Please see insert.*

**PNC Report**

**Children's Message**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**         Isaiah 11:1-10

**Anthem**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**         Matthew 3:1-12

**Sermon**                 *Living the Edge*

**\* Hymn #325**         *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

**Offering our Gifts and Tithes**

**Offertory Music**

**\* Doxology #592**     Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Joys and Concerns**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

**\* Hymn # 13**         *Prepare the Way*

**\* Charge and Blessing**

**\* Choral Response**

**Postlude**

*\*All that are able please stand.*

†Courtesy of The Rev. Nancy Townley, Abingdon Press (Adapted)

## **Palisades Presbyterian Church**

Palisades, New York 10964

December 9, 2007

*We are a Christian community welcoming all,  
as we seek to grow in faith and serve others.*



*Reflection...*

I am. I was. I will be.  
I am not coming soon.  
I am here.

From *Advent*, a poem by W. H. Smaw



**The Palisades Presbyterian Church**  
*The Second Sunday of Advent*  
**December 9, 2007**

**Welcome!** Worship at Palisades Church begins with meditation. The music, the quote on the cover, the quiet of this place is all meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work. Thank you for entering the spirit of this place, this hour, by honoring the silence.

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**Prelude**

**Church Bell**

**Introit**

**\* Invitation to Worship<sup>†</sup>**

**Leader:** Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

**People:** **We are called to action rather than reaction.**

**Leader:** Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.

**People:** **Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.**

**Leader:** Come, draw near to God in faith.

**People:** **Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God.**

**All:** **Come! Let us worship God together! Amen.**

**\* Hymn # 69 *O Morning Star, How Fair & Bright***

**Unison Prayer<sup>†</sup>**

Lord of mercy and peace,  
open our hearts to receive your words of hope.  
We live far too much in darkness and fear.  
We have let the fears invade the very center of our lives  
and find ourselves changing,  
moving from your light to the darkness of despair.

It seems that this world and its people are more pleased  
to fight and destroy than they are to have peace and harmony.  
We become part of that crowd when we wallow in anger, resentment,  
apathy, and greed.

Forgive us, patient and merciful God.  
Help us be people who will look at the ways  
in which we have blocked your presence.  
Give us courage and strength to change our lives,  
that your peace may become a reality in this world,  
right now, this day. AMEN.

**Silent Confession**

**Choral Response**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Hymn #316** Breathe on me, breath of God.  
Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
and do what Thou wouldst do.

**\* We Offer One Another a Sign of Peace**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle for Hope**

Dorothy Davis, Bill McGivney, David Sanders

**\* Hymn 9: *O Come, O Come Immanuel* (Verse 1)**

O come, O come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!