

**Announcements**    *Please see insert.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**        Isaiah 35:1-10

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**        Matthew 11:2-11

**Reflection**         *Welcome, Again!*

**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**

**Palisades Presbyterian Church Christmas Pageant**

*Please join us in singing with the cast at the close of the pageant:*

**Hymn #40    Joy to the World**

\* **Charge and Blessing**

*\*All that are able please stand.*

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

**Palisades Presbyterian Church**

Palisades, New York 10964

December 16, 2007

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



*Reflection...*

“Joy is the feeling of grinning inside!”

~ Melba Colgrave

**The Palisades Presbyterian Church**  
*The Third Sunday of Advent*  
**December 16, 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**

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

**Leader:** Be patient! Wait and Watch for the Lord is drawing near to us.

**People:** **We have gathered here this day to hear the good news and to gather strength for the times to come.**

**Leader:** Be at peace with one another.

**People:** **Let love and wisdom prevail.**

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

**People:** **Lord, touch our hearts. Teach us to patiently listen for your words of love.**

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

**\* Hymn # 18** *The Desert Shall Rejoice*

**Unison Prayer<sup>†</sup>**

Lord of delight and surprises,  
you come to us each day with opportunity, love, and support.  
You pour your blessings upon us,  
reminding us of your compassionate presence among us.  
Help us to be people of loving service.  
Help us to see the ways in which you enter our lives  
and enable us to serve you by serving your people.  
As we have come to you this day,  
bringing our concerns for forgiveness, healing, and hope,  
remind us that you are with us all  
and that your healing mercies abound!  
Give us the courage to be faithful stewards of your creation  
and bring us together with one another in celebration and service.  
Lift us up, bring us forward, give us peace.  
For we ask this in your name. Amen.

**Silent Reflection**

**Musical Meditation**

**Prayer of Assurance**

**\* 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 JOY!** The Moser Family

**\* Hymn 9:** *O Come, O Come Immanuel* (Verse 2)  
O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by THine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee O Israel!