

**Family Service**

10:00 a.m.

January 6, 2019

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn 66

**We Three Kings of Orient Are** (verse 1) WE THREE KINGS

*We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!*

\*Expressing Our Joy

Reece Smith

*Leader: Who are you?*

**People: I am a child of God.**

*Leader: Who are we?*

**People: We are children of God, the family of faith.**

*Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?*

**People: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.**

*Leader: May the Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)*

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Asking God's Forgiveness (*responsive*)

*Leader: In prayer together, let us ask for God's forgiveness: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We have mean, angry thoughts about friends and strangers.  
Lord, I'm sorry.*

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We pick fights with people we love, especially when we know it's wrong. Lord, I'm sorry.*

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We snap back at other people, always wanting to have the last word. Lord, I'm sorry.*

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We waste time on all the wrong things, forgetting what is most important. Lord, I'm sorry.*

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Leader: God, change our hearts so that we might love the way you love us. Amen.*

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-11 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 1-2 in the pew Bible.]

Message

*Visitors from the East*

Andy Whitfield

Response to God's Grace: Gifts of Gratitude (You are invited to bring your offering to God.)

\*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 592)

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

***Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

\* **I Come to You** (Rolling River Rampage)

**Verse 1**

*Where does my help come from?  
My help, it comes from you.  
Where does my hope come from?  
My hope, it comes from you.  
Where does my strength come from?  
My strength, it comes from you.  
Where does my help come from?  
My help, it comes from you.*

## **Chorus**

*I come to you, oh my soul is weary.  
I run to you and in you I find rest  
'Cause you lift my head above the raging waters.  
Your sacrifice of love invites me now to come.  
I come to you.*

## **Verse 2**

*Where does my peace come from?  
My peace, it comes from you.  
Where does my joy come from?  
My joy, it comes from you.  
Where does my life come from?  
My life, it comes from you.  
Where does my peace come from?  
My peace, it comes from you.*

***(repeat Chorus)***

\*Blessing

\*Sung Response      *This Little Light of Mine*

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\*All those who are able, please stand.