

January 6, 2008

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
MOMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP

INTROIT

*I Wonder as I Wander*

Sue Denzer, Soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Denzer, Liturgist

Liturgist: Arise, shine: for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**People: We hear the news of the boundless riches of Christ and our hearts sing for joy.**

Liturgist: God reveals the mysteries of the ages for those who wait.

**People: The light of Christ illumines our way. Come, let us walk in the light of God!**

Liturgist: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

\*HYMN No. 66

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (*In Unison*)

God of light, in whom no darkness can abide: we come to you in joy but also trembling, for we know what darkness abides in us. We cannot conceal from you our cowardice, our shallowness, the resentments we harbor against others. We confess to you our capacity to deceive, our willfulness, our avoidance of other's pain and suffering. O Lord Jesus, illuminate what bears revealing. Cast out our sin, as light casts out darkness. Live in us, that we might live for you.

*(Let each worshipper pray silently)*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI (*The Hymnal, No. 579*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (Pew Bible, OT Section, page 528; Large Print page 1155)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kyle Peters

*(Children in grades Kindergarten to 3rd Grade will be dismissed to Children's Church)*

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3: 1-12 (Pew Bible, NT Section, page 828; Large Print page 1820)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN No. 53

*What Child is This*

SERMON LESSON: Matthew 2: 1-12 (Pew Bible, NT Section, pg. 681; Large Print pg. 1497)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

God is Speaking to the Farthest Reaches

Rev. Jonathan Fettig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – (In Unison)

Nicene Creed (traditional)  
(The Hymnal Page 15)

OFFERTORY

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*PRESENTATION, The Doxology (The Hymnal, No. 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Partaking of the Elements

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN No. 56

The First Nowell

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE