

# ***KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS***

## ***Christmas Eve Service***

***December 24, 2023***

***6:00 P. M.***

### **THE OPENING**

*“Sussex Carol”*

TPC Choir

*The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight; behold, he is coming, rejoice greatly, shout in triumph.*

**Our king is coming. He is the righteous Savior, He shall speak peace unto the nations.** (Malachi 3:1; Zechariah 9:9-10)

*The morning sun from heaven shall rise upon us, to shine on those who live in darkness under the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

**Amen.**

*“Still, Still, Still”*

TPC Choir

### **THE PREACHING OF THE WORD**

*Every valley shall be exalted, every mountain and hill be made low, the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. (Isaiah 40:5)*

\*Hymn: 213, “What Child Is This?”

\*Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:1-17 (Pew Bible p. 681)

Message: “Jesus: The White Sheep of the Family”

Pastor Ryan Heaton

### **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Come to him, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him; for he is meek and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11:28-29)*

**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)**

Hymn: 203, “Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

### **THE RESPONSE**

*Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs in his arms. (Isaiah 53:4-5, 40:11)*

**I know that my redeemer lives, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God;** (Job 19:25-26)

*For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of those that sleep. Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)*

**Hallelujah, the Lord God omnipotent reigns. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings and Lord of lords. Hallelujah.** (Revelation 11:15)

\*Hymn: 217, “All My Heart This Night Rejoices” (1-2, 5-6)

### **THE LORD’S SUPPER**

#### **Invitation**

*Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.*

#### **Institution Of The Supper**

*We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this sign of his sacrifice, until his coming again. For on the night of his arrest he took bread and, after giving thanks to God, broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”*

#### **Prayer of Consecration**

*Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us, that in eating the bread we may share in the body of Christ, and that in drinking from the cup we may share in his blood. Grant that being joined together in him we may become united in faith, and in all things become mature in Christ who is our head. Amen.*

#### **Communion**

## Thanksgiving

*Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, since the Lord has fed us at his table, let us praise his holy name with thanksgiving.*

**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain and has redeemed us to God by his blood, to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and praise. Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto him who sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.** (Revelation 5:12-13)

Hymn: 195, "Joy to the World"

## CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.* (Isaiah 9:2)

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.** (Isaiah 60:1)

*In him was life, and that life was the light of men.* (John 1:4)

**The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.** (John 1:9)

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* (John 8:12)

**\*Lighting of the Candles**

*\*"Silent Night"*

## THE DISMISSAL

*May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who has shown us such love, and in his grace has given us such unflinching encouragement and bright hope, fortify us in every good word and deed.*

*Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.*

*The congregation reads aloud the words in bold print.*

*Please extinguish your candle and place it in the receptacle as you exit.*

*The words of this Advent liturgy are in large part taken from the text to Handel's Messiah.*

## *Sussex Carol*

*On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring  
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To hear the news the angels bring  
News of great joy, news of great mirth  
News of our merciful King's birth*

*Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad?  
Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad?  
When from our sin he set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty.*

*When sin departs before his grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;  
When sin departs before his grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the new-born King.*

*All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night;  
All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night;  
"Glory to God, and peace to men,  
Now and forever more. Amen."*

## *Still, Still Still*

*(The first verse is sung in German, English translation is provided here.)*

*Still, still, still  
One can hear the falling snow.  
For all is hushed  
The world is sleeping  
Holy Star its vigil keeping.  
Still, still, still  
One can hear the falling snow.*

*Sleep, sleep, sleep  
'Tis the eve of our Savior's birth.  
The night is peaceful all around you  
Close your eyes  
Let sleep surround you.  
Sleep, sleep, sleep  
'Tis the eve of our Savior's birth.*

*Dream, dream, dream  
Of the joyous day to come.  
While guardian angels without number  
Watch you as you sweetly slumber.  
Dream, dream, dream  
Of the joyous day to come.*