

**The Service on Christmas Eve**

December 24, 2017

5:30 p.m.

Prelude "Away in the Manger" arr. by D. Maxwell

Welcome

**\*Call to Worship**

The grace of God is with us now.

**The Savior of the world has come.**

Give thanks for the gift of grace from God.

**Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.**

\*Carol 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your lights. We pursue worldly passions and revere false idols. We cherish our possessions and spurn your good gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to live as your people, following your holy way and rejoicing in your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.** (Silent Confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

\*Response of Praise (Gloria Patri, Hymnal #581)

Children's Moment "The Nativity"

Anthem "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. by K. H. Goodyear

The Christmas Story in Scripture and Carols Pastor Baker

The Birth of a Savior

Scripture Luke 2:1-7

Carol #115 "Away in a Manger"

The Visit of the Shepherds

Scripture Luke 2:8-12

Carol #118 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"

The Visit of the Angels

Scripture Luke 2:13-20

Carol #113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Christmas Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #35)

Offertory "O, Holy Night" A. Adam

Ron Lucas, Trumpet

\*Doxology (Hymnal #606) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Carol #122 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Noël" by C.-B. Balbastre

\*Please stand if you are able.

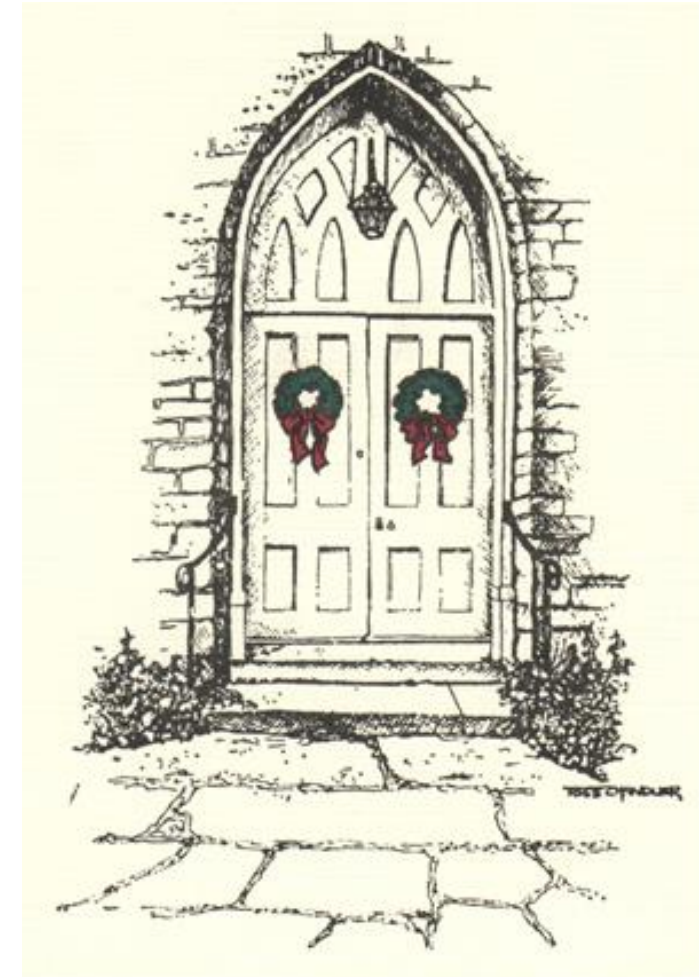
**Greeters/Ushers:** Agatha and David Graham

## Welcome to our Christmas Eve Service

Sitting on thirty acres of land, historic Pisgah Presbyterian Church was built in 1784 and has been a vibrant community of believers for over 230 years. This is God's place with its doors opened wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here, you are welcome; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. For any assistance, concerns or cares, please call our church office at 873-4161.

Tonight's designated offering is for the Christmas Joy Offering of the PC(USA). Your gifts make a difference and change lives. The Christmas Joy Offering provides equal support to leadership development among Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges and assistance programs of the Board of Pensions. Please use the envelopes in the pews to dedicate your offering for this cause.

# Pisgah Presbyterian Church



Founded 1784

*Worship God, study the Scriptures,  
practice the Teachings of Jesus as Lord and Savior*