First Presbyterian Church
The Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Let the orchestral prelude be a time for silent reflection and prayer

Prelude *Selected Pieces by our String Quintet*

Lighting of the Christmas Candle Diane Griffin and Gail Pittman

*Responsive Litany:
Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Tonight, we long to worship the newborn King.
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Tonight, we long to hear the good news proclaimed by the angels.
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Tonight, we long to receive the promise foretold.
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

The First Lessons Isaiah 9:2-7
Friends, the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Special Music *Christmas Lullaby* John Rutter

The Second Lesson Luke 2:1-20

Meditation "Larry Mackey's Christmas Pageant"[1]

Choir *Silent Night, Holy Night*

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.

[1] Larry Mackey's Christmas Pageant was written by Steve Frazier.