

The First Presbyterian Church

of Port Gibson, Mississippi

Worship Service May 22, A.D. 2016

Instrumental Prelude Mrs. Flo Strawn
Introit The Choir
Welcome and Announcements
The Doxology No. 572
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Responsive Reading..... Matthew 10:26-33 (p. 711, p. 1152)
Hymn of Praise (All)..... No. 48
The Apostles' Creed(Front of Hymnal)
The Gloria Patri No. 576
Time for the Children/Minute for Mission
Hymn of Meditation (All)..... No. 348

Silent Prayer and Meditation
The Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

Offering and Offertory Prayer
Scripture..... Habakkuk 3 (p. 686, p. 1114)
Sermon **"When God Shows Up"**
Hymn of Dedication (All)..... No. 324
Benediction
Response The Choir
Postlude

*WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE WELCOME to our visitors.
Please come to worship with us again, soon.*

*CHILDREN in second grade or younger are welcome to attend Children's
Church after the Time with God's Children.*

*IF YOU DESIRE TO BECOME A MEMBER of this congregation of the
Body of Christ, please speak to the pastor after the Worship Service.*

A NURSERY is provided during the service.

WE CELEBRATE Presbyterian Heritage Sunday with the following item from the Presbyterian Historical Society:

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me.

With these words from scripture, astronaut Buzz Aldrin celebrated the first, and so far only, communion service on the moon. In the weeks leading up to his Apollo 11 mission in 1969, Aldrin, an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church outside of Houston, worked with his pastor Dean Woodruff to come up with the right symbol to mark the first lunar landing.

It was Aldrin's idea to celebrate communion. With permission from the Webster Presbyterian Church session and the stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Aldrin packed communion elements as part of his personal preference kit. The bread and wine had been blessed at Webster, and the church provided the tiny chalice, which was small and light enough to take into space.

As the world watched, the Apollo 11 lunar capsule successfully landed on the surface of the moon on July 20, 1969. During the scheduled rest period before Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the moon, Aldrin took out the elements and the piece of paper with the words from John 15:5 and celebrated communion. As he later reported, there was just enough gravity on the moon's surface to pour the wine into a cup.

While NASA staff knew about the lunar communion, the event was not reported in the press until August, with Presbyterian Life noting the special communion in its September 15, 1969 issue. Aldrin, however, was frequently identified as a Presbyterian elder, and his public remarks broadcast right before returning to earth included a passage from Psalm 8: When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained: what is man that Thou art mindful of him?

Webster Presbyterian Church, the home of many astronauts and others in the space industry, has marked the unique occasion every July with Lunar Communion Sunday.

**Through fellowship, teaching and service,
sharing the truth of Jesus Christ
with one another, with the community, and with the world.**

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY will not take place this week.

PLEASE PRAY for Nick and Amanda, as they participate in the Engage 2025 project in the Middle East. To help, make out your check to First Presbyterian Church and label it “Nick and Amanda.”

Upcoming Events

- May 28 ... RiverPointe Dance Recital, 2 and 6pm, Vicksburg City Auditorum
- June 4 Hands of Hope Trip to West Virginia
- June 6-10 VBS, PGBC, Mon 8:30am-noon, Tues-Fri 9am-noon
- June 10 PG Heritage Trust Progressive Dinner, 5:30pm
- June 11 Windsor Car Show, Downtown PG, 8am-4pm
- June 22-25 General Assembly, Ward EPC, Northville, Michigan
- July 6 Cookout with Nick and Amanda
- September 23-24 Presbytery Meeting, New Covenant Mandeville
- October 2 Worship at Grand Gulf, Communion
- October 13-16 Fall Cursillo Retreat

Bible Reading Schedule

- May 23 Isaiah 44:23-28 – Singing Faith
- May 24 Jeremiah 31:10-14 – Dancing Faith
- May 25 Psalm 19:1-4, 10-14 – Proclaimed Faith
- May 26 Luke 3:7-14 – Fruitful Faith
- May 27 III John 1-8 – Sending Faith
- May 28 John 15:1-17 – Connected Faith
- May 29 Luke 19:1-10 – Joyous Faith

May Birthdays

9	Shelton Headley	10	George Hay
11	Lillie Cassell	13	Natalie Cassell
14	Lydia Mae Fraley	15	Cathi Dodgen
17	Scott Harrison	20	Lem Montgomery
21	Ella Daughdrill	22	Alohi Easley
25	E.G. Nations	30	Iliahi Easley
31	Betty Gage		

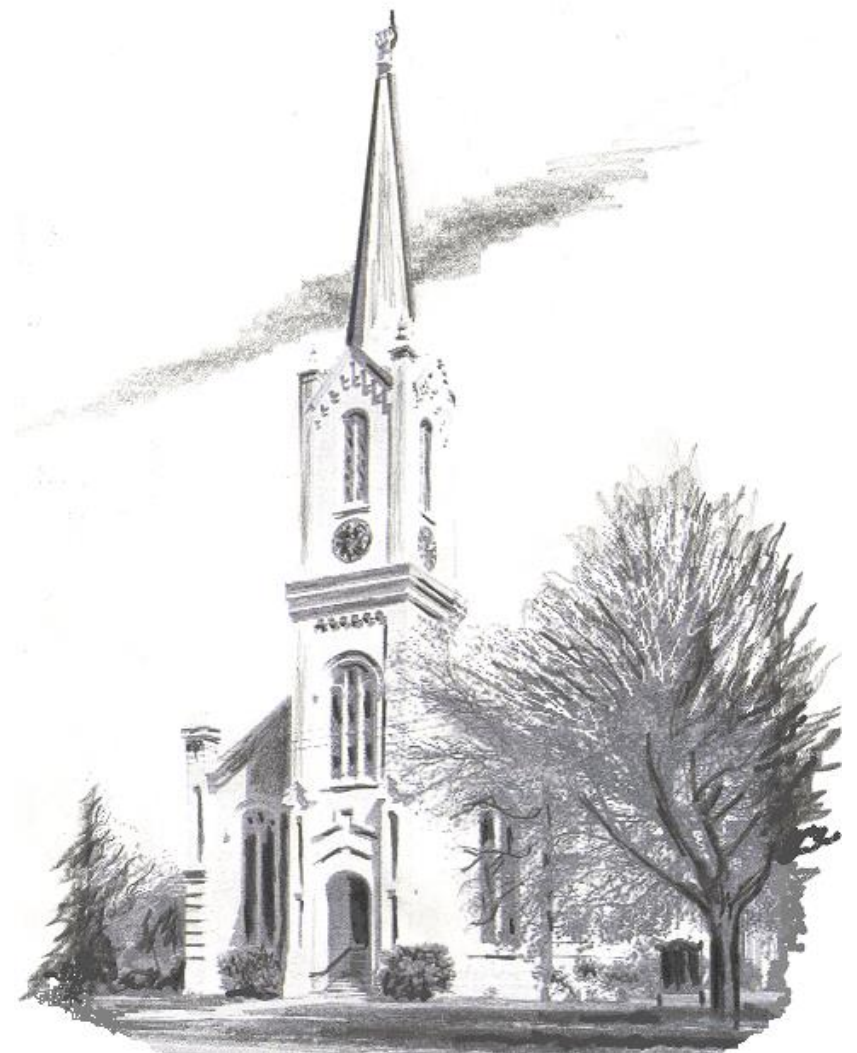
Deacon for the Month: Jim Hynum

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