

The First Presbyterian Church

of Port Gibson, Mississippi

Worship Service December 17, A.D. 2017

Instrumental Prelude Mrs. H.N. Gage
 Introit The Choir
 Welcome and Announcements
 The Doxology No. 572
 Invocation and Lord’s Prayer
 Responsive Reading..... No. 610
 Hymn of Praise (All)..... No. 102
 The Apostles’ Creed(Front of Hymnal)
 The Gloria Patri No. 576
 Time for the Children / Minute for Mission
 Hymn of Meditation (All)..... No. 105

Silent Prayer and Meditation
 The Pastoral Prayer
 Choral Response

Offering and Offertory Prayer
 Scripture.....Isaiah 41:21-42:13 (p. 540, p. 878)
 Sermon *“Christmas Gifts”*
 Hymn of Praise (All)..... No. 110
 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.*

Announcements

TODAY at 5pm, the Children will present their Pageant, telling the story of Our Savior’s Birth. The performers will gather at 3:30pm to rehearse. Then at 6pm, a Vespers service of lessons and carols will take place at Port Gibson Baptist Church.

THE ADVENT CONCERT SERIES at the Port Gibson United Methodist Church concludes Tuesday at noon, with the community Handbell Choir performing. Lunch follows for \$5.

BIBLE STUDY will be held at the home of Dennis and Dorothy Staer on Thursday at 1pm.

CHURCH PLANTS sponsored by our presbytery include Quest Church in New Braunfels, Texas: www.questchurchnb.com and All Souls’ Church in Austin, Texas: <http://www.landofmysojourn.com> To help with these efforts, make out your check to First Presbyterian Church and label it either “Quest Church” or “All Souls’ Church.”

PLEASE PRAY for Nick and Amanda, and Nour and Rebecca as they participate in the Engage 2025 project in the Middle East, and for Elizabeth as she raises support to join them. To help, make out your check to First Presbyterian Church and label it either “Nick and Amanda,” “Nour and Rebecca,” or “Elizabeth.”

PLEASE PRAY for Andrew Brunson, an EPC Teaching Elder who has been unjustly imprisoned in Turkey.

Opening and Closing Schedule

12/17-23 – Kenny Strawn	1/14-20 – Doug Nasif
2/24-30 – Eddie Lipscomb	1/21-27 – Shreve Guthrie, III
12/31-1/6 – Lem Montgomery	1/28-2/3 – Don Wilson
1/7-13 – John L. Torrey	2/4-10 – Scott Davis
	2/11-17 – Michelle Burrell

Upcoming Events

December 20 Christmas Program at Blue Barn, 6pm
 December 24 Christmas Eve Service, PGUMC, 6pm
 January 8, 2018 Last day for 2017 contributions

Deacon for the Month: Jimmy Cassell
Tithes and offerings may be mailed to P.O. Box 517.

Bible Reading Schedule

December 18 Exodus 1:22-2:10 – God Saves Moses
December 19 Isaiah 42:1-9 – Light to the Nations
December 20 Micah 5:1-6 – A Peaceful Ruler from Bethlehem
December 21 Matthew 1:18-25 – Faithful to God’s Plan
December 22 Matthew 2:1-12 – Wise Men Seek, then Worship Jesus
December 23 Matthew 2:13-18 – The Slaughter of the Innocents
December 24 Matthew 2:19-23 – The Holy Family Settles in Nazareth

December Birthdays

3	Linda Williams	8	Anna Brady
8	Claire Hudson	10	David Hunt Headley
10	Ann Katzenmier	11	Allen Cassell
13	Spencer Willis	14	Marsh Willis
15	Charlie Donald	16	Michael Herrin
17	Mille Wolfe	17	Molly Byrnes Scarborough
18	Jo Ann Mikell	18	Kathy Byrnes Hawkins
20	Jimmy Cassell	27	Dianne Wade
28	Wes McClure	30	Linda Montgomery

Church Directory

Rev. Michael G. Herrin, Pastor
Mrs. H.N. Gage, Organist

The Session

Class of 2017
Mr. Burton O. Byrnes, II
Mr. Douglas Nasif

Class of 2018
Mr. Gary Knight
Mr. Lem Montgomery

Class of 2019
Mr. Kenny Strawn
Mr. John L. Torrey

The Diaconate

Class of 2017
Mr. Jimmy Cassell
Dr. Eddie Lipscomb
Mr. Mike Mikell

Class of 2018
Mr. Jim Hynum
Mr. Mack May

Class of 2019
Mr. Shreve Guthrie, III
Mr. Kevin Keaton

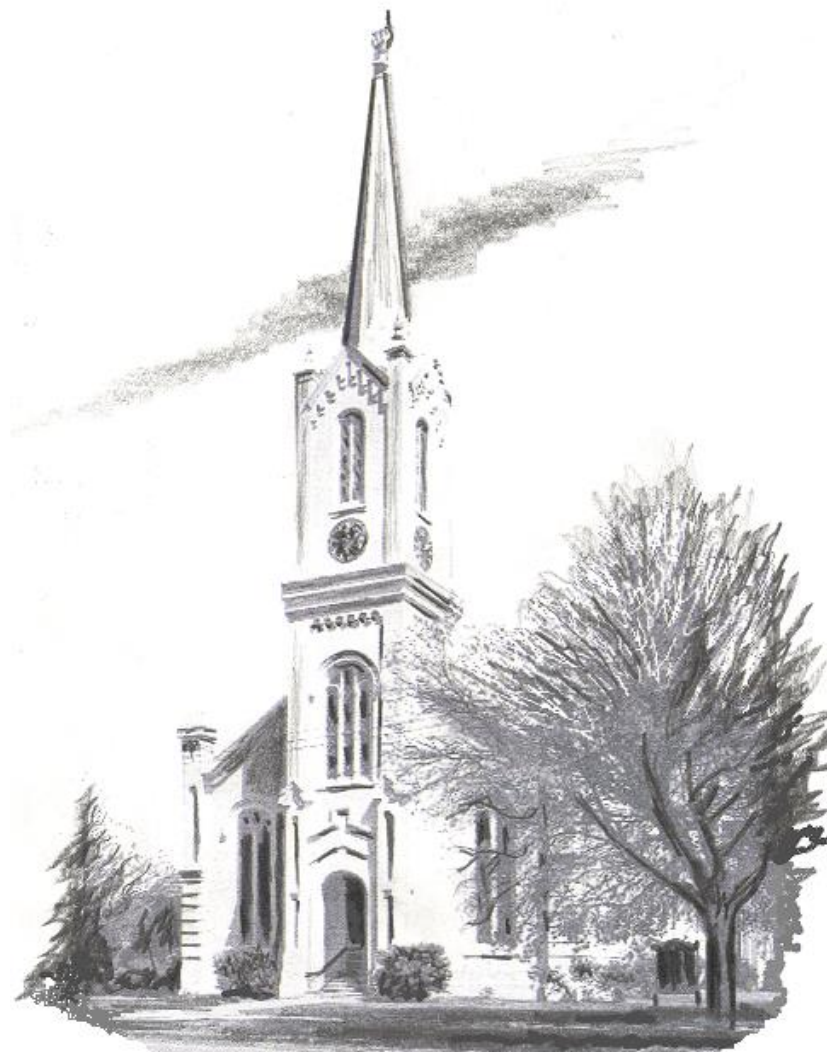
Presbyterian Women

Mrs. Dianne Wade, Moderator
Mrs. Jo Ann Mikell, Vice-Moderator
Dr. Betsy Lipscomb, Mission Representative
Mrs. Azalea Knight, Secretary/Treasurer

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

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