

# The First Presbyterian Church

of Port Gibson, Mississippi

Worship Service December 24, 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. 592  
 Hymn of Praise (All)..... No. 103  
 The Apostles’ Creed .....(Front of Hymnal)  
 The Gloria Patri ..... No. 576  
 Time for the Children / Minute for Mission  
 Hymn of Meditation (All)..... No. 117

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Silent Prayer and Meditation  
 The Pastoral Prayer  
 Choral Response

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Offering and Offertory Prayer  
 Scripture..... John 1:1-5, 9-14 (p. 778, p. 1270)  
 Sermon *“The Living Word”*  
 Hymn of Praise (All)..... No. 106  
 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

**BIBLE STUDY** will not be held this week.

**CHURCH PLANTS** sponsored by our presbytery include Quest Church in New Braunfels, Texas: [www.questchurchnb.com](http://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

12/24-30 – 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
1/14-20 – Doug Nasif	2/11-17 – Michelle Burrell
	2/18-24 – Kenny Strawn

## Upcoming Events

December 24 .....Christmas Eve Service, PGUMC, 6pm  
 December 24 ..... Christmas Eve Service, St. James, 6pm  
 January 8, 2018 ..... Last day for 2017 contributions  
 January 10, 2018 ..... Prayer Breakfast, Annex, 6:30am  
 January 26-27, 2018.....Presbytery meeting, Covenant Mobile  
 April 6-7, 2018..... Whispers in the Cedars Cemetery Tours  
 April 20-21, 2018.....Present Meets the Past, Shaifer House  
 April 27-28, 2018.....Presbytery Meeting, First Baton Rouge  
 May 3-6, 2018.....Spring Cursillo, Camp Wesley Pines  
 June 19-23, 2018.....General Assembly Meeting, Hope Cordova, TN  
 September 28-29, 2018 ..... Presbytery Meeting, City of Refuge, Houston

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

## Bible Reading Schedule

December 25 ..... Ephesians 4:17-24 – Live the New Life in Christ  
December 26 ..... Ephesians 4:25-5:2 – Live as Imitators of God  
December 27 ..... Colossians 3:1-11 – Disciplined Living in Christ  
December 28 ..... I Corinthians 12:12-26 – Accept Weaker Members  
December 29 ..... I Corinthians 12:27-31 – Leadership Gifts in the Church  
December 30 ..... I Peter 3:8-12 – Experience the Unity of Spirit  
December 31 ..... Ephesians 4:1-16 – Seek the Common Life from Above

## 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

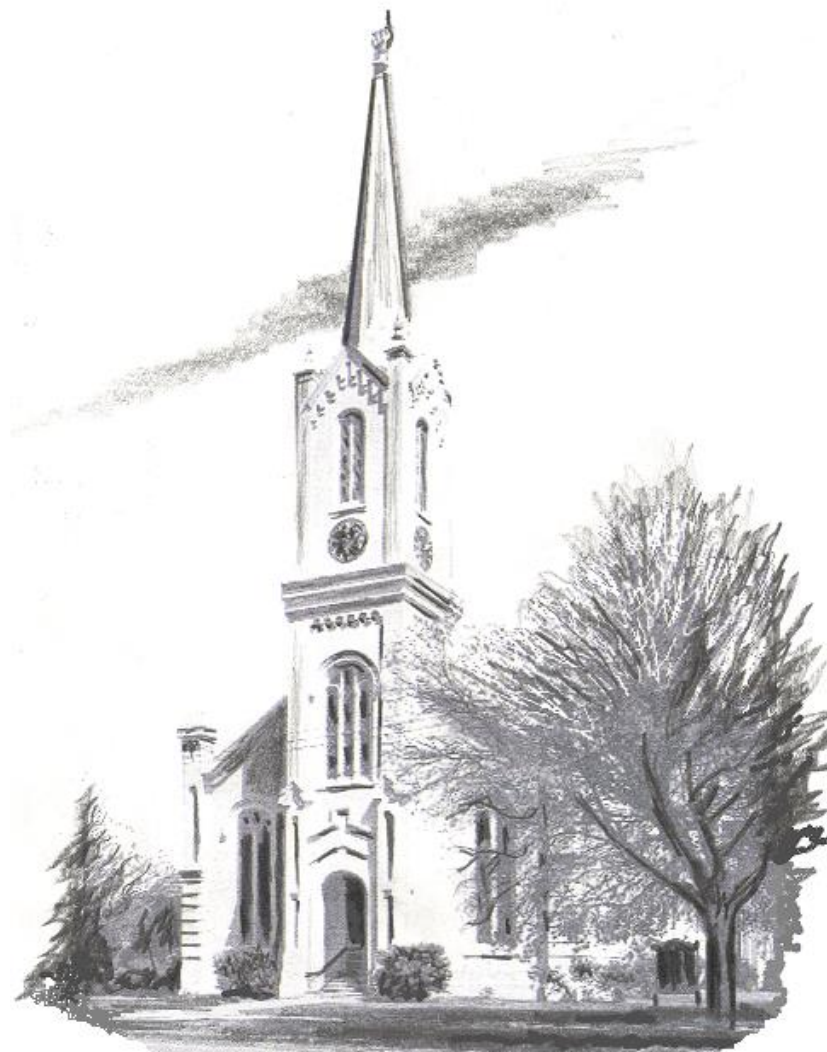
Mrs. Dianne Wade, Moderator  
Mrs. Jo Ann Mikell, Vice-Moderator

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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