

Welcome to Golden Isles Presbyterian Church!

Golden Isles is a church that is resolved, as the Apostle Paul said, to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. What we mean by that is that we are a community seeking to discover more of just how amazing the love of God is, as we see it in the Gospel. We long to be a congregation of people in awe of the love of God, who then take the Good News of that love to the world around us.

We are glad you are here, and we hope that you will find that there is a place for you at Golden Isles as we worship Christ together.

For those of you with young children we offer Children's Church – children meet their teacher at the back of the room, during the Offering. Children will be brought back immediately following the service. A nursery is available, which can be found to your left as you exit the sanctuary.

If you are visiting today, please introduce yourself to us by filling in a Visitor Information Card, which you should find in the bulletin. These cards simply help us to know who you are, and how we can best serve you.

**TRUE TO THE BIBLE, THE REFORMED FAITH,
AND OBEDIENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION.**

*those who are able,
please stand.

The Lord's Day Morning Worship

September 18, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

“Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”

- Revelation 22:20

“Let us encourage one another—
and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

- Hebrews 10:25

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Missions—John Garvin

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 125:1, 2

“Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds His people,
from this time forth and forevermore.”

The Invocation
is to acknowledge
that our worship
is in vain if it is not
Spirit-inspired.

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

No. 345

• THIS WEEK'S EVENTS •

Tuesday, September 20	5:30 p.m. GIPC Women In the Church (WIC) Fall Kickoff Dinner! (Nazzaro's Italian Restaurant—see announcement below)
Wednesday, September 21	6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting— A light supper is served at 6:30 p.m., followed by Prayer at 7:00 p.m. (Supper—\$3/person 9/21 Menu: BBQ, Sides, Beverage, Dessert. There is no need to sign up in advance—all are welcome!)
Sunday, September 25	9:30 a.m. Sunday School — <i>The Gospel of Grace: Paul's letter to the Galatians.</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship —Preaching series: <i>Mark: A Confrontation with Christ.</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship —Preaching series: <i>Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration.</i>

• SERVING TOGETHER* •

*The sign-up sheets are located at the back of the sanctuary.	September 18	September 25
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Evelyn Williams	Clyde & Sue Taylor
Ushers (10:15-11:40 a.m.)	Clay Huddleston	Nick Chilton
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (AM Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Sara Brown, Dot Cason	Renee Shepherd
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (PM Worship, 5:50-7:00 p.m.)		
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room— during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Connie Reed	
Hospice Meal: On the 2nd Thursday of each month a meal for four people is prepared and delivered to the <i>Hospice of the Golden Isles.</i> A volunteer from Hospice then takes the meal to a family whose loved one is being cared for at home. (If you have questions, please contact Betty Harrell.)		

Important Dates

9/20—Women of GIPC Fall Kickoff Dinner

with Guest Speaker Chris Gordon
5:30 p.m., Nazzaro's Italian Restaurant
For reservations, please sign up in the foyer.
\$18/person covers meal, tax & gratuity

9/27—Women's Fall Bible Study begins

Join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sara Brown as we
read Tim Keller's “Counterfeit Gods.” There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.
Please indicate if you'll be attending and if you'd like us to order a book for
you. If you have questions please contact Sara Brown.

• GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH •

Church Staff

Senior Minister
TE Alexander S. Brown
Administrative Assistant to the Pastor
Dorothy Garvin

Elders

TE Brannon Bowman (Pastor, Grace Church of the Islands, Savannah)
RE Gary McArthur (First Presbyterian Church, Pooler)
RE Dan Reed (Golden Isles Presbyterian Church, St. Simons Island)
TE Brad Waller (Associate Pastor, Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah)
(*TE Teaching Elder; RE Ruling Elder*)



Adult Sunday School—Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Join us as we study God's Word together. Our current series is *The Gospel of Grace: Paul's letter to the Galatians*. Led by Mr. Brown.

Bible Reading Plan

Bible place-keeper cutouts, based on Robert Murray McCheyne's calendar for daily readings, are available in the *GIPC Connection* monthly newsletter. This system will take you through the Bible in one year, the Psalms and New Testament twice. Copies of the newsletter are available online (www.gipc-pca.org) or in the foyer.



Fighter Verses

Fighter Verses are short passages of Scripture selected to equip the believer in the fight of faith. Weekly Verse cut-outs are available in the monthly edition of the *GIPC Connection*.

World Missions/Faith Promise Financial Update

GIPC uses the 'Faith Promise' method of giving in order to financially support a number of families involved in U.S. and foreign-based mission work. The Faith Promise funds are maintained as a separate account from tithes and offerings ("General Fund"); all such gifts should be designated for "Faith Promise."

- Annual Faith Promise commitments are made during the **Missions Conference** in November; this year's conference is scheduled for **November 11-13, 2011**.
- Missionary Newsletters are available in the church foyer. Please use these to provide what missionaries say they need the most—*prayer support*.

2011 Faith Promise Commitments: \$30,980—what we are trusting God to provide.

FP Balance YTD through August 31st: \$19,178, or 62%

General Fund Financial Update—YTD through August 31, 2011:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	\$110,089	\$105,950
Expense:	\$113,630	\$114,678

*Confession of Our Faith (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell[†].

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church[‡],
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

As we recite this
3rd-4th century
Christian creed,
we join our voices
with centuries of
Christians who have
gone before us.

[†]the place of the dead

[‡]the universal church

We read through whole books of the Bible so that we see the whole sweep of Redemptive History as it unfolds throughout Scripture.

Sermon, "Delight in Difficulty"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Part 21 of a series on the book of Jeremiah:

"Judgment and Restoration"

Text: Jeremiah 15:5-21

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 643

Scripture Reading

I Timothy 2

(*ESV Pew Bible, pg. 991*)

***Hymn, "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"**

No. 172

Additional information may be found at:
www.persecution.com

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: North Korea, China, Tibet

Worshipping the Lord with His Tithes and Our Offerings

Children ages four and five are dismissed to the Kindergarten Room for Children's Church. The teacher will meet them at the back of the sanctuary.

***Hymn of Response, "My Anchor Holds"**

No. 617

***Benediction**

We recite the Law of God together to remind ourselves of who our Father is, and what He requires of His children. As Christians we do not believe that we earn anything from God by keeping His commandments, but rather we keep His commandments because we are already fully accepted through the work of Jesus Christ.

We read through whole books of the Bible so that we see the whole sweep of Redemptive History as it unfolds throughout Scripture.

Reading of the Law of God

Minister: God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

All:

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Honor thy father and thy mother.
Thou shalt not kill.
Thou shalt not commit adultery.
Thou shalt not steal.
Thou shalt not bear false witness.
Thou shalt not covet.

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how He saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

I Thessalonians 5:9,10

"God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him."

***Hymn of Assurance, "Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross"**

No. 264

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 27
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 106)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, "The Lifting of the Veil"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 60

Text: Mark 13:24-27

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 850

***Hymn, "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"**

No. 318

***Benediction**

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

September 18, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

"May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it."

- I Thessalonians 5:23, 24

"From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides You,
who acts for those who wait for Him."

(Isaiah 64:4)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of September 18, 2011.

For a complete list please see the latest issue of the
GIPC Connection (monthly newsletter edition),
available online or in the foyer. (www.gipc-pca.org)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

I Thessalonians 5:16,17

"Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus."

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, "*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*"

No. 302