

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 25, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

“Grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him be the glory both now
and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

- II Peter 3:18

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

“The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!”

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, “O God Beyond All Praising”

Psalm 97:1

No. 660

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

• THIS WEEK'S EVENTS •

Tuesday, September 27	6:00 p.m. B & G Committee Meeting (Harrell home)
Tuesday, September 27	6:30 p.m. Women of GIPC Fall Bible Study: “Counterfeit Gods” (Brown home)
Wednesday, September 28	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 9/28 Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Beverage, Dessert. There is no need to sign up in advance.)
Sunday, October 2	9:30 a.m. Sunday School —The Gospel of Grace: Paul's letter to the Galatians. 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sacrament of Covenant Baptism (James Campbell Brown), and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper —Preaching series: Mark: A Confrontation with Christ. 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship —Preaching series: Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration.

• SERVING TOGETHER* •

<i>*The sign-up sheets are located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	September 25	October 2
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Clyde & Sue Taylor	Betty & Jerry Harrell
Ushers (10:15-11:40 a.m.)	Dan Reed	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Renee Shepherd	Diane Chilton
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship, 5:50-7:00 p.m.)		
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)		Betty Young-Smith
Hospice Meal: On the 2nd Thursday of each month a meal for four people is prepared and delivered to the Hospice of the Golden Isles. 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.)		

· 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.

Faith Promise Balance YTD through September 18th: \$20,303, or 66%

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 Apostles’ Creed

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

***The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’n-ly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

No. 731

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

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

Scripture Reading

I Timothy 3
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 992)

***Hymn, “God, in the Gospel of His Son”**

No. 141

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Cuba, Mexico, Colombia

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.

Sermon, “A Mirror to Our Soul”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

**Part 22 of a series on the book of Jeremiah:
“Judgment and Restoration”**

Text: Jeremiah 16

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 644

***Hymn of Response, “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”**

No. 465

***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.

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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

Isaiah 38:17

“Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love You have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for You have cast all my sins behind Your back.”

*Hymn of Assurance, *“Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”*

No. 188

Scripture Reading

James 1

(ESV Pew Bible, pg.1011)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, *“Stay Awake”*

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 61

Text: Mark 13:28-37

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 850

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn, *“Rejoice, All Ye Believers”*

No. 320

*Benediction

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

September 25, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

*"The night is far gone; the day is at hand.
So then let us cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light...
Put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for the flesh,
to gratify its desires."
- Romans 13:12, 14*

*"My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent."
(Proverbs 1:10)*



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of September 25, 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)

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***Call to Worship**

Psalm 149:2,4

*"Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;
He adorns the humble with salvation."*

***Hymn of Adoration, "O Bless Our God with One Accord"**

No. 400

Psalm 134