

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 that is 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

August 28, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

“Present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.”

- Romans 12:1b

“God is able to make all grace abound to you.”

- II Corinthians 9:8a

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 99:1-3

Minister: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**Congregation: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!**

Minister: The LORD is great in Zion;
He is exalted over all the peoples.

**All: Let them praise Your great and awesome name!
Holy is He!**

*Hymn of Adoration, “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

No. 100

*Prayer of Invocation

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

• THIS WEEK'S EVENTS •

Thursday, September 1	6:30 p.m. World Missions Team Meeting — <i>Huddleston home</i>
Sunday, September 4	9:30 a.m. Sunday School — <i>The Gospel of Grace: Paul's letter to the Galatians</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper —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 * •

	August 28	September 4
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Sue & Clyde Taylor	*Sign-up sheets covering the months of September, October and November are posted at the back of the sanctuary.
Ushers (10:15-11:40 a.m.)	Nick Chilton, Clay Huddleston	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	India Huddleston, Mary Ellyn McDevitt	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship, 5:50-7:00 p.m.)	Dorothy Garvin	
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.)		

Dates to Remember

9/7—Midweek Prayer Meeting at GIPC
(...and every Wednesday following)
6:30 p.m. Light Supper; 7:00 p.m. Prayer

9/10—Men's Monthly Breakfast & Bible Study
(2nd Saturday) 8:00 a.m., Brown home

9/20—Women of GIPC Fall Kickoff Dinner
5:30 p.m., Nazzaro's Italian Restaurant

9/27—Women of GIPC Fall Bible Study
(Every Tuesday, except the first)
“Counterfeit Gods,” by Timothy Keller
6:30 p.m., Brown home

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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 21st: \$18,303, or 59%

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	\$ 99,610	\$ 92,200
Expense:	\$ 97,636	\$100,730

***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**

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.

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

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

The Assurance of Pardon is what allows us to be boldly honest about our condition. Without the context of grace, we would be miserably despairing in our confessions.

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend.

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

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 1008)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Acts 10:43

“To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “*In Christ Alone (My Hope is Found)*”

In Christ alone—my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone—who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.

‘Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
‘til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Maldives, Sri Lanka

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, “*Grace and Disaster*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Part 18 of a series on the book of *Jeremiah*:
“*Judgment and Restoration*”

Text: *Jeremiah 14:1-9*

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 642

*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.

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 John 2:1,2a

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “*Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*”

No. 524

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 24
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 102)

Intercessory Prayer

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

Sermon, “*The Widow’s Mite*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: *A Confrontation with Christ, Part 57*

Text: Mark 12:38-44

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 849

*Hymn of Response, “*All to Jesus I Surrender*”

No. 562

*Benediction

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

August 28, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

“Are You not He, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on You,
for You do all these things.”

- Jeremiah 14:22

*those who are
able, please stand

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” (II Corinthians 9:6-8)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of August 28, 2011.

For a complete list please see the latest issue of the *GIPC Connection* (monthly newsletter edition), available in the foyer.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 102:25, 26a

“Of old You laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of Your hands.
They will perish, but You will remain.”

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, “This Is My Father’s World”

No. 111