

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.

*Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.*

(Thomas Kelly, 1804)

**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 & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

September 4, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

"He who did not spare His own Son,
but delivered Him up for us all,
how will He not also with Him
freely give us all things?"

- Romans 8:32

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Revelation 5:12

*Hymn of Adoration, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

No. 164

*Prayer of Invocation

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

• THIS WEEK'S EVENTS •

Monday, Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, Sept. 6	6:30 p.m. CE Committee (Huddleston home)
Wednesday, Sept. 7	6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting (at GIPC) Supper* at 6:30 p.m.; Prayer at 7:00. (*\$3/person. 9/7 Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Beverage)
Thursday, Sept. 8	5:00 p.m. GIPC Stated Session Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 10	8:00 a.m. Men's Monthly Breakfast & Bible Study (Brown home)
Sunday, Sept. 11	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 4	September 11
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Bob & Mary Dressner	
Ushers (10:15-11:40 a.m.)	Nick Chilton	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (AM Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Connie Reed	Diane Chilton
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)	Betty Young-Smith	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 to Remember

9/7—Midweek Prayer Meeting at GIPC
6:30 p.m. Supper (\$3); 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—sign up begins today, 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)

The Apostles' Creed

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 Doxology

No. 731

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.

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.

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 1009)

Prayer of Confession

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.

Assurance of Pardon

"He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed."

*Hymn of Assurance, "*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*"

No. 247

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

Isaiah 53:5

Sermon, "True and False Love"

Part 19 of a series on the book of *Jeremiah*:
"Judgment and Restoration"

Text: Jeremiah 14:10-18
Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 642

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia

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, "*May the Mind of Christ My Savior*"

No. 644

*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

Ephesians 2:8,9

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

No. 252

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 25

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 103)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “The Birth Pangs of the Kingdom”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 58

Text: Mark 13:1-13

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 849

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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Preparation, "Man of Sorrows! What a Name" No. 246 (st. 1-3)**

Invitation to the Sacrament and Fencing of the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Humble Access and Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

***Hymn of Response, "Man of Sorrows! What a Name" No. 246 (st. 4,5)**

***Benediction**

It is our custom to hold each element until all have been served, then all partake together.

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

September 4, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer."

- Psalm 19:14

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

Isaiah 26:3,4

Minister: You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

All: Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting Rock.

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "Like a River Glorious"**

No. 699



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of September 4, 2011.

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