

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

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Adult Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

“Welcome to a Reformed Church” —Led by Mr. Alexander Brown.

Mid-week Congregational Prayer Meeting—Praying with the Psalms

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. at GIPC.

Tim Keller, Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (New York City) gives three reasons why we should root our prayer lives in the Psalms:

1. The Psalms teach us to pray through imitation and response.
2. The Psalms take us deep into our own hearts.
3. The Psalms force us to deal with God as He is.

Our aim is to learn from the Psalms how we should pray, and then following that we turn to a time of dedicated corporate prayer.

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 or in the foyer. (gipc-pca.org)



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 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 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.

- **2011 FP Commitments: \$30,980—what we are trusting God to provide.**
- **FP Balance YTD: \$8,663, or 28%**

General Fund Financial Update—YTD through March 31, 2011

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	\$ 43,622	\$ 41,100
Expense:	\$ 40,375	\$ 42,079

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, and who then take that Good News of that love to the world around us.

We are glad that 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

April 17, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God’s varied grace. . .

“Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another,
for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

—I Peter, selected

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Revelation 4:11

“Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and
honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will
they existed and were created.”

*Hymn of Adoration, “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” No. 165

*Prayer of Invocation

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

GIPC SCHEDULE for the week of April 17, 2011:

Please note today’s bulletin insert regarding the Community Holy Week Services on St. Simons Island.

Tuesday, April 19	7:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>) - The Ladies Bible Study will not meet this week. - Savannah River Presbytery Meeting (<i>Liberty Presbyterian Church, Sylvania, GA</i>)
Wednesday, April 20	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting—“Praying with the Psalms” (pg. 12)
Thursday, April 21	5:00 p.m. WIC Leadership Team Meeting (<i>Dr. Diane Bowen’s office</i>)
Sunday, April 24 Easter Sunday	6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (<i>St. Simons Island Pier in the Village; sponsored by SSI churches; Rev. Benjy Varnell, SSUMC preaching</i>) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School— “Welcome to a Reformed Church,” based upon the book by Daniel R. Hyde; led by Mr. Brown. 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— Mark (<i>morning preaching series</i>) 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— Jeremiah (<i>evening preaching series</i>)

VOLUNTEERS for the week of:

<i>The sign-up board is located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	April 17	April 24
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Clay Huddleston	
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Jerry Harrell Clay Huddleston	Jerry Harrell
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)		Connie Reed
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship, 5:55-7:00 p.m.)	Connie Reed	
Children’s Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Sara Brown	Renee Shepherd
Prayer for the Worship Service: 10:15-10:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room (located at the end of the north hallway)	Betty Harrell	

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.*)

Missed a Sunday?

Sermons, weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters are available
on the church Resources page at: www.gipc-pca.org

~ Women In the Church (WIC) ~

Bible Study for Women: "Paul's Letters to Maturing Churches"

—each Tuesday (except the first), 6:30 p.m.

Studies in Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1st & 2nd Thessalonians; led by Sara Brown.
Location: Brown home, 620 Neptune Way, SSI. *If you have questions about the study, or need assistance with transportation, please contact Sara at 638-3928.*

Note: *There will be no Bible Study this week; our next Bible Study will be on Tuesday, April 26th.*

"Beyond the Pages" ~ GIPC Ladies Book Club —First Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3rd at the home of Sue Taylor, 262 St. James Ave. (634-9071). The May book of the month selection is "The Help," by Kathryn Stockett.

WIC Leadership Team

The WIC Leadership Team meets once a month on the 4th Thursday. If you would like to attend the meeting to share your suggestions/ideas please contact any member of the team: Sharon Bolin, Sara Brown, Diane Chilton, India Huddleston, Connie Reed, or Renee Shepherd.

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Save the date for our Spring Brunch!

Saturday, May 7th at the home of Betty Young-Smith



*Easter Lunch
at the Brown's House*

The Brown family would like to invite everyone to their house for Easter Lunch on Sunday April 24th, following the morning service.*
The main course will be provided; please sign up in the lobby to bring a side-dish or dessert to share.
Contact Sara Brown if you have any questions.

***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**

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

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

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.

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

Genesis 45
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 39)

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

I Peter 3:18

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

No. 521

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Nepal, Bhutan, Burma

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

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, “Welcome to Jeremiah”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

**Part 1 of a new series on the book of Jeremiah:
“Judgment and Restoration”**

Text: Jeremiah 1:1-3

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 627

***Hymn of Response, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

No. 598

***Benediction**

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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

Romans 5:8,9

“God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.”

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

No. 465

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 7
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 85)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*True Obedience*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 41

Text: Mark 9:38-41

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 845

*Hymn of Response, “*And Can It Be, That I Should Gain*”

No. 455

*Benediction

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The Lord's Day Evening Worship

April 17, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

*those who are
able, please stand

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

“Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand by the roads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is;
and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.’”

—Jeremiah 6:16a

Welcome and Announcements

“The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this
time forth and forevermore.” (Psalm 121:7-8)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of April 17, 2011.
For a complete list please see the April issue of the *GIPC Connection*.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 28:7

“The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts,
and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks
to Him.”

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, “*Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray*”

No. 390