

Psalm 103:19-22



“The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word! Bless the LORD all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will! Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!”

GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of April 1, 2012. For a complete list please see the latest issue of the *GIPC Connection* newsletter, available in the foyer or online (gipc-pca.org).

College Care Pack Ministry

!! Donations Please!! April 1st—April 15th

Each spring the Women of GIPC look forward to preparing College Care Packages to be sent to GIPC college students, students of grandparents and students of missionaries supported by GIPC. This is an opportunity for the GIPC Church Family to support, bless and encourage these students to continue in their spiritual growth and academic work.

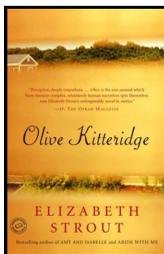
You may drop your gift in the specially-marked box in the foyer, or place it in the offering plate. Make checks payable to “GIPC” and designate for “College Care Pack.” Please put cash in an envelope labeled “College Care Pack.”

There are currently 11 students on the list. **Grandparents and family members are asked to please provide the name, address, name of college/university of your student** to India or Clay Huddleston. Thank you for participating in this ministry and giving as generously as possible to provide a GIPC pack of LOVE for these students!

Book Group News

The April selection is *Olive Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout.

The Book Group meets on the First Tuesday of each month and is open to all women who enjoy reading and discussing books. **The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 3rd at the home of Sue Taylor.**



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. 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 & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

April 1, 2012 - 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“For God so loved the world
that He gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in Him
should not perish but have eternal life.”

- John 3:16

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates!
All: And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Minister: Who is this King of glory?
All: The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates!
All: And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

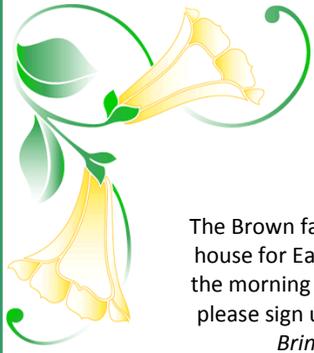
Minister: Who is this King of glory?
All: The LORD of hosts,
He is the King of glory!

Psalm 24:7-10

· THIS WEEK AT GIPC ·

Sunday, April 1 "Palm Sunday"	Serving Today: Greeters: Betty & Jerry Harrell Ushers: Nick Chilton, Jerry Harrell Nursery: Julie Weaver Children's Church: Betty Young-Smith <i>(The sign-up sheet for greeting and ushering is located at the back of the sanctuary. To volunteer for Nursery/Children's Church, please contact Sara Brown.)</i>
Tuesday, April 3	<i>(The Ladies Bible Study will not meet this week.)</i> 6:30 p.m. Book Group for Women— see announcement page 12.
Wednesday, April 4	6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting at GIPC— A light supper* is served at 6:30, followed by prayer at 7:00. (*\$3/person)
Thursday, April 5	6:30 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
Sunday, April 8 "Easter Sunday"	6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (SSI Village Pier) —sponsored by SSI churches 9:30 a.m. Sunday School— Church History, Pt. 2: The Blossoming of the Church. 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land. Noon: Lunch at the Brown's House— following Morning Worship (see below) 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration.

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.)*



Sunday, April 8th
Easter Lunch at the
Brown's House*

The Brown family would like to invite everyone to their house for Easter Lunch on Sunday, April 8th, following the morning service. The main course will be provided; please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Bring folding chairs if you have them.
Please contact Sara if you have questions.

· 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 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.

Current study: "The Blossoming of the Church: A Look at the Progress of the Church in the 4th and 5th Centuries" (*Church History, Part 2*). 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.*

Children's Ministry

GIPC offers a Nursery during the Morning and Evening worship services for ages infant—three years. Children's Church is available during the sermon portion of the morning service; children meet in the room adjacent to the Nursery. *How you can help: please see the wall display across from the Nursery, or contact Sara Brown.*



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*.

General Fund Financial Update— YTD through March 31, 2012:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income:	\$62,898	\$64,150	(\$1,252)
Expense:	\$56,063	\$57,096	(\$1,033)
Difference:	\$ 6,835	\$ 7,054	(\$ 219)

World Missions/Faith Promise

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."*

Faith Promise commitments are made each year during the Missions Conference in November. The total amount committed determines the missionary support budget for the following calendar year.

2012 Faith Promise Commitments: \$36,950—what we are trusting God to provide this year.

Faith Promise Receipts YTD through March 31st: \$8,019 or 22%.

Missionary Newsletters are available in the church foyer. Please use these to provide what missionaries say they need the most—*prayer support*.

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

***Hymn, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

No. 235

***Confession of Our Faith (responsive)**

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A #33, 34

Minister: Why is the Son of God called God's "only Begotten Son," when we also are God's children?

All: Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God—adopted by grace through Christ.

Minister: Why do you call Him "Our Lord"?

All: Because—
not with gold or silver,
but with His precious blood—
He has set us free from sin
and from the tyranny of the devil,
and has bought us, body and soul,
to be His very own.

***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.

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

Originating in the mid-16th Century, the Heidelberg Catechism is regarded as possibly the most ecumenical and influential of the Reformed Catechisms.

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

Words and Music
by Stuart Townend.

Additional
information may
be found at:
persecution.com

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 16
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 962)

*Hymn, “*How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*”

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss: the Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life: I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything— no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Kuwait, Iraq, Iran

Offering

*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, “*The Joy of the New Covenant*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration, Part 42

Text: Jeremiah 31

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 658

***Hymn of Response, “*Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns*”**

No. 369

***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

Romans 5:1,2

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. . . And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

No. 463

Scripture Reading

Joshua 9

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 184)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “Gospel Submission”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land, Part 10

Text: I Peter 2:13-25

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 1015

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Preparation, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 252**
(stanzas 1 & 2)

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, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 252**
(stanzas 3 & 4)

***Benediction**

This Week's Fighter Verse—see pg. 12

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

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

April 1, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

" 'Surely I am coming soon.' "
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

- Revelation 21:20

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Revelation 1:5

*"To Him who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by His blood
and made us a kingdom,
priests to His God and Father,
to Him be glory and dominion
forever and ever. Amen."*

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "To God Be the Glory"**

No. 55

**those who are able, please stand*