

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

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Adult Sunday School — Welcome to a Reformed Church

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

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

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: \$8,888, 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 24, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.
Do you believe this?’”
—John 11:25, 26

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship (responsive) from Psalm 118

Minister: Christ is risen!
Congregation: Christ is risen, indeed!
 Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
 for His lovingkindness is everlasting.
**Congregation: Let those who fear the Lord say,
 “His lovingkindness is everlasting.”**
 Minister: Christ is risen!
Congregation: Christ is risen, indeed!

*Hymn of Adoration, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” No. 277

*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 24, 2011:

Tuesday, April 26	7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>) 6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study (<i>Brown home; see pg. 10</i>)
Wednesday, April 27	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting—“Praying with the Psalms” (pg. 12)
Thursday, April 28	5:00 p.m. WIC Leadership Team Meeting (<i>Dr. Diane Bowen's office</i>) 6:45 p.m. CE Committee Meeting (<i>Huddleston home</i>)
Sunday, May 1	9:30 a.m. Sunday School—“Welcome to a Reformed Church,” led by Mr. Brown. 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper — Mark: A Confrontation with Christ (<i>morning preaching series</i>) 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship — Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration (<i>evening preaching series</i>)

Missed a Sunday?

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

VOLUNTEERS for the week of:

<i>The sign-up board is located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	April 24	May 1
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Clyde & Sue Taylor	
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Jerry Harrell	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Connie Reed	<i>(The MAY signup sheet will be available next week.)</i>
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship, 5:55-7:00 p.m.)		
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room— during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Diane Chilton	
Prayer for the Worship Service: 10:15-10:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room (located at the end of the north hallway)		
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. (<i>If you have questions, please contact Betty Harrell.</i>)		

“Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.”
(Psalm 125:1-2)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of April 24, 2011.
For a complete list please see the April issue of the *GIPC Connection*.

~ Women In the Church (WIC) ~

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

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

The next Bible Study will be on Tuesday, April 26th. Current topic: *Studies in Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1st & 2nd Thessalonians*; led by Sara Brown. Location: Brown home. *If you have questions about the study, or need assistance with transportation, please contact Sara Brown.*

"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. 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.

Ladies, save the date!



Spring Brunch!
 Saturday, May 7th, 11:00 a.m.
 Betty Young-Smith's home

***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.

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**

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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:32-28:10
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 834)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:6

"All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

***Hymn of Assurance, "Man of Sorrows! What a Name"**

No. 246

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.*

***Hymn of Response, "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"**

No. 108

***Benediction**

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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.

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

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

I Peter 2:10

“Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

No. 528

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 8
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 86)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “What wondrous love is this?”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Text: I Corinthians 15:3,4

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 961

***Hymn of Response, "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!

***Benediction**

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*All are invited to lunch at the Brown's house,
after the service.*

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

April 24, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in Your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there were none of them."

— Psalm 139:16

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 91:1,2

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the
shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and
my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'"

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"**

No. 389

Based on
Psalm 118

*those who are
able, please stand