

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

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(TE Teaching Elder; RE Ruling Elder)



Adult Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

New series: "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."

- **2011 Commitments: \$30,980—what we are trusting God to provide.**
- **Received through March 27th: \$7,902.62 or 26%**

Missionary Newsletters are available in the church foyer.

Friday, April 15th: Mission Awareness Movie Night at GIPC, 7:00 p.m. (see pg. 11)

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

The Lord's Day

April 3, 2011

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 3, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"I am the vine; you are the branches.
Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit,
for apart from Me you can do nothing."
—John 15:5

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who worship with us this Lord's Day! If you are visiting, please complete the card inserted in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so we may have a record of your visit.

A Nursery is provided for ages three years and under. Children's Church is available for four and five-year-olds. During the Offertory the teacher will meet them at the back of the sanctuary as they are dismissed to the Kindergarten Room.

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Philippians 2 (selected)

"Christ Jesus . . . humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

*Hymn of Adoration, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

No. 296

*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 3, 2011:

	April 4-7: Mr. Brown will be attending the Twin Lakes Fellowship, a ministry of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS. (twinlakesfellowship.wordpress.com)
Tuesday, April 5	7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>) 6:00 p.m. "Beyond the Pages" Book Discussion Group for Women (<i>see pg. 10</i>)
Wednesday, April 6	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting—"Praying with the Psalms" (<i>pg. 12</i>) <i>Led by the CE Committee</i>
Thursday, April 7	6:30 p.m. World Missions Team Meeting (<i>Huddleston home</i>)
Sunday, April 10	9:30 a.m. Sunday School — New series: " <i>Welcome to a Reformed Church,</i> " based upon the book by Daniel R. Hyde; <i>led by Mr. Brown.</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship — <i>Mark series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship — <i>Jonah series</i>

April Birthdays

2 Clay Huddleston 13 John Garvin 17 Clyde Taylor

VOLUNTEERS for the week of:

<i>The sign-up board is located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	April 3	April 10
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Clay & India Huddleston	
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Nick Chilton, Clay Huddleston	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Sara Brown	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship, 6:55-8:00 p.m.)		Sara Brown
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Betty Young-Smith	Connie Reed
Prayer for the Worship Service: 10:15 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 *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.*)

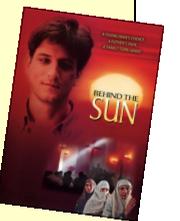
**Friday, April 15th is
"Mission Awareness
Movie Night"
at GIPC**

The GIPC Mission Team invites the congregation to view *Behind the Sun*— a movie focusing on the realities facing believers in the Islamic world.

When: Friday, April 15th, 7:00 p.m.

Where: GIPC

Popcorn, Light Snacks and Beverages will be available.



~ Women In the Church (WIC) ~



College Kids Care Packs

The GIPC congregation is planning to send a special gift packet to encourage our college students and is collecting money for that purpose. In addition to the gift, a letter will be included from the minister, Alexander Brown. If you are a grandparent of a college student and would like to include them, please provide the student's name and address to the project coordinators: India Huddleston or Mary Ellyn McDevitt. **You may mail your gift check to the church, drop it in the blue-striped shoebox in the foyer, or place it in the offering plate.** Please make checks payable to GIPC and designate for "college kids"; if cash, please put it in an envelope labeled "college kids."

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. Study guides are available for \$12 each. Location: Brown home. *If you have questions about the study, or need assistance with transportation, please contact Sara. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12th (Lesson 8).***

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

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5th at the home of Sue Taylor. The April selection is "Outcasts United," by Warren St. John. 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.

Missed a Sunday?

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

*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

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.

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: Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook

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

Scripture Reading

Genesis 43
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 36)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

II Corinthians 5:20b, 21

“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Him now I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God!

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan

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, “An Angry Prayer”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Part 7 of the series, “Boundless Compassion: The Book of Jonah”

Text: Jonah 4:1-4

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 775

*Hymn of Response, “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

No. 560

*Benediction

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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 4:32

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

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

No. 252

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 5
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 83)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*A Humbling Lesson*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 39

Text: Mark 9:14-29

Notes:

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.

ESV Pew Bible,
pgs. 844, 845

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Preparation, "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"** (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, "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"** (st. 4-5)

***Benediction**

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"He will not let your foot be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep." (Psalm 121:3-4)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of April 3, 2011.
For a complete list please see the April issue of the *GIPC Connection*.

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

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

April 3, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

**those who are able, please stand*

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"Let the conversion of sinners, which is the joy of heaven, be our joy, and never our grief."

—Matthew Henry

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved."

—Ephesians 2:4,5

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 106:1

"Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

No. 76