

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

December 11, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Advent

Gather in silent meditation:

“The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
in those who hope in His steadfast love.”

- Psalm 147:11

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 7:17

“I will give to the LORD the thanks due to His righteousness,
and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.”

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

***Hymn, “All You That Fear Jehovah’s Name”**

No. 9

Based on Psalm 22

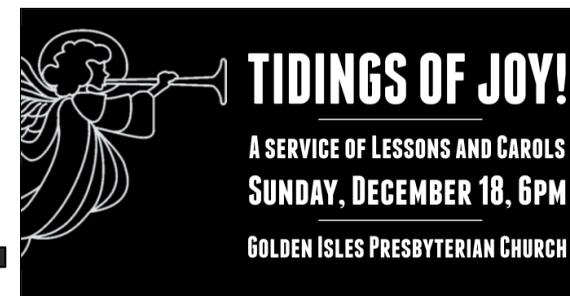
The Invocation
is to acknowledge
that our worship
is in vain if it is not
Spirit-inspired.

• THIS WEEK •

Wednesday, December 14	6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting — A light supper is served at 6:30 p.m. followed by Prayer at 7:00 p.m. (<i>Supper—\$3/person</i>)
Sunday, December 18	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

• SERVING TOGETHER* •

	December 11	December 18
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)		
Ushers (10:15-11:40 a.m.)	<i>*The sign-up sheets are located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)		
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship, 5:50-7:00 p.m.)		
Children’s Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Connie Reed	
Prayer for the Worship Service (10:15 a.m.) 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>)		



Postcards are available in the office or foyer for handing out to friends and neighbors, or anyone you meet on the street! The service, which lasts about one hour, joins Scripture texts that speak of the birth of Christ with popular carols highlighting the themes found in those texts.

· 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.”

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.

2011 Faith Promise Commitments: \$30,980—what we are trusting God to provide this year.

2011 Faith Promise Balance YTD, through November 30th: \$26,878, or 87%

2012 Goal for World Missions Support: \$36,000

2012 Faith Promise Commitments received to-date: \$36,950



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

General Fund Financial Update—YTD through November 30, 2011:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income:	\$ 154,742	\$ 158,925
Total Expense:	\$ 153,456	\$ 158,983

***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 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 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.

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

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 1
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 952)

***Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

No. 201

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

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

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 Waiting Is Over"

Text: Luke 1:26-38

Notes:

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 854

***Hymn of Response, "See, Amid the Winter's Snow"**

No. 199, st. 1-4

***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.

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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

John 1:12

“To all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “*Thou Art the Way*”

No. 154

Scripture Reading

I John 2

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 1021)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*Peter’s Denial*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 68

Text: Mark 14:66-72

Notes:

*Hymn of Response, “*Be Thou My Vision*”

No. 642

*Benediction

“They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.
‘The LORD is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will
hope in Him.’” (Lamentations 3:23-24)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of December 11, 2011.

For a complete list please see the latest issue of the
GIPC Connection newsletter, available in the foyer or online
(gipc-pca.org).

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“His name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

- Isaiah 9:6b

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Psalm 117

Minister: Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples!

All: **For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!**

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

No. 196

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