

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.

Book Group

The next meeting of the Women's Book Group will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sue Taylor. The January selection is, "Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy," by Carlos Eire.

**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 16, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Advent

- Gather in silent meditation -

“You will say in that day: . . . ‘Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation.’”

- Isaiah 12:2

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Missions (John Garvin)

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:5

“Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth!”

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, “Angels We Have Heard on High”

No. 214

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

THIS WEEK AT GIPC

Sunday, December 16	9:30 a.m. Sunday School — <i>Ten Commandments study</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship — <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship — <i>Advent series</i>
Wednesday, December 19	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study — <i>Meet at Sara Brown's home</i> <i>(Current topic: Biblical Womanhood)</i> 6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting — <i>at GIPC</i> <i>Fellowship Supper* at 6:30 p.m., followed by Prayer at 7:00.</i> <i>(*3/person; reservations are not required.)</i>
Sunday, December 23	9:30 a.m. Sunday School — <i>Ten Commandments study</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship — <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship — A Service of Lessons and Carols



If you are interested in becoming a member of Golden Isles Presbyterian Church or would simply like to learn more about what it means to be a member of this church, please see Mr. Brown after the service.

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

<p>Church Staff</p> <p><i>Senior Minister</i> TE Alexander S. Brown</p> <p><i>Administrative Assistant to the Pastor</i> Dorothy Garvin</p>	<p>Elders</p> <p>Chaplain (CAPT) T. Brannon Bowman (165th Airlift Wing, GA)</p> <p>RE Dan Reed (Golden Isles Presbyterian Church, St. Simons Island)</p> <p>TE Brad Waller (Associate Pastor, Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah)</p> <p><i>(TE Teaching Elder; RE Ruling Elder)</i></p>
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Adult Sunday School— Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Current study: *The Ten Commandments.*

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

Children's Ministry

GIPC offers a Nursery during the morning and evening worship services for ages 0-3 years. Children's Church is available during the sermon portion of the morning service; children meet in the room adjacent to the Nursery. *Info: see the wall display across from the nursery.*



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

Income—Actual (YTD through 12/11): \$186,616
 Income—Budget (YTD through 12/31): \$213,000
 Variance: (\$ 26,384)

World Missions/Faith Promise

GIPC uses the 'Faith Promise' method of giving in order to financially support eleven individuals/families involved in U.S. and foreign-based mission work. Please designate all gifts for "Faith Promise" as these funds are maintained separately from tithes and offerings (the "General Fund").

Faith Promise commitments are made each year during the month of November. The total amount committed determines the missionary support budget for the following calendar year. If you did not have an opportunity to turn in a card the committee will continue to receive these through the end of the year.

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

Faith Promise Receipts YTD through 11/30: \$26,689 or 72%.

2013 Faith Promise Commitment Cards to date: \$25,300 toward the goal of \$36,000.

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

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

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A #120-122

Minister: Why did Christ command us to call God "our Father"?

All: At the very beginning of our prayer Christ wants to kindle in us what is basic to our prayer— the childlike awe and trust that God through Christ has become our Father.

Our fathers do not refuse us the things of this life; God our Father will even less refuse to give us what we ask in faith.

Minister: Why the words, "who art in heaven"?

All: These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty as something earthly, and to expect everything for body and soul from His almighty power.

Minister: What does the first request mean?

All: *Hallowed be thy name* means,

Help us to really know You, to bless, worship, and praise You for all Your works and for all that shines forth from them: Your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth.

And it means,

Help us to direct all our living— what we think, say, and do— so that Your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.

***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.

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.

Additional information may be found at: persecution.com

Scripture Reading

Romans 5
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 942)

***Hymn, “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

No. 500

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 Lord is near.”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Text: Philippians 4:4-7

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 982

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

No. 196

***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

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

***Hymn, “It Is Well with My Soul”**

No. 691

Scripture Reading

Judges 14

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 214)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “The Egyptian Slavery”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 21

Text: Exodus 9:8-35

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 51

***Hymn of Response, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

No. 203

*Benediction

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

December 16, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

- Isaiah 12:6

“Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice.”

- Philippians 4:4

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able, please stand

GIPC “Fighter Verse” for the week of December 16, 2012:



1 Peter 3:18

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous
for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God,
being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.”

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

“Blessed are those who dwell in Your house,
ever singing Your praise!”

Psalm 84:4

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

No. 302