

· THIS WEEK ·

	<i>(No Church Activities this week.)</i>
<b>Next Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</b> <i>(no Sunday School or Evening Worship)</i>

· SERVING TOGETHER\* ·

<i>*The sign-up sheets are located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>December 25</b>
<b>Greeters</b> (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)		
<b>Ushers</b> (10:15-11:40 a.m.)	Clay Huddleston	
<b>Nursery—0-3 yrs.</b> ( <u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Ashlei Boatright	
<b>Nursery—0-3 yrs.</b> ( <u>PM</u> Worship, 5:50-7:00 p.m.)		No Evening Worship
<b>Children's Church—4-5 yrs.</b> (Kindergarten Room— during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Connie Reed	
<b>Prayer for the Worship Service</b> (10:15 a.m.) Prayer Room— located at the end of the north hallway		
<b>Hospice Meal:</b> 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>		

*Looking Ahead:*

**Sunday, January 15, 2012—GIPC Fellowship Lunch and State of the Church Meeting**

*Presentation of Annual Report*

All are welcome to attend. Look for a lunch sign-up sheet on January 1st.

**First Weekend in February—Congregational Hymn Singing Workshop at IPC, Savannah**

Psalm 147:1 states, *"How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!"* Yet we rarely spend time considering why we sing, and learning to sing well! This workshop will feature Dr. Paul Jones, Organist and Music Director of historic Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA. *Watch for details on the specific dates/times of the workshop sessions.*

**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 18, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gather in silent meditation:

“You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor,  
so that you by His poverty might become rich.”

- II Corinthians 8:9

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Interlude

### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 89:8

“O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as You are, O LORD,  
with Your faithfulness all around You?”

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \*Hymn, “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

No. 218

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

## • 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](http://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 December 11th: \$27,718, or 89%**

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

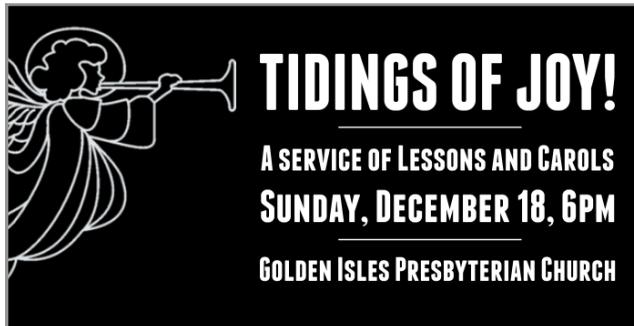
**2012 Faith Promise Commitments received to-date: \$36,950**



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



“The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.” (Lamentations 3:25-26)



**GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of December 18, 2011.**  
 For a complete list please see the latest issue of the GIPC Connection newsletter, available in the foyer or online ([gipc-pca.org](http://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<sup>†</sup>.

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<sup>‡</sup>,  
 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  
 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> century  
 Christian creed,  
 we join our voices  
 with centuries of  
 Christians who have  
 gone before us.

<sup>†</sup>the place of the dead

<sup>‡</sup>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.

**Scripture Reading**

**I Corinthians 2**  
*(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 952)*

**\*Hymn, "What Child Is This"**

**No. 213**

**Prayer of Confession and Intercession**

*Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Pakistan, India, Bangladesh*

**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, "Jesus Before Pilate"**

**Mr. Alexander S. Brown**

**Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 69**

**Text: Mark 15:1-15**

**Notes:**

ESV Pew Bible,  
pg. 852

Additional information may be found at:  
[www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)

**\*Hymn of Response, "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"**

**No. 455**

**\*Benediction**