

· 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>TE Brannon Bowman (Pastor, Grace Church of the Islands, Savannah)</p> <p>RE Gary McArthur (First Presbyterian Church, Pooler)</p> <p>RE Dan Reed (Golden Isles Presbyterian Church, St. Simons Island)</p> <p>TE Brad Waller (Associate Pastor, Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah) <i>(TE Teaching Elder; RE Ruling Elder)</i></p>
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The Session, consisting of all Teaching and Ruling Elders, meets on the third Monday evening of each month.

Mid-week Congregational Prayer Meeting—Praying with the Psalms

Wednesday evenings, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at GIPC.

(Note—there will be no meetings on 12/22 and 12/29; we will resume, Lord willing, on Wednesday, January 5, 2011.)

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 will turn to a time of dedicated corporate prayer.

GIPC Financials Y-T-D through November 30, 2010:

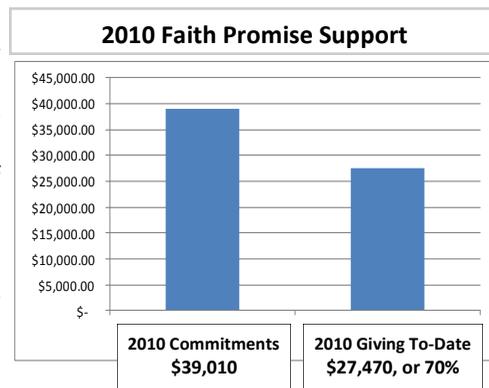
General Fund	Actual	Budget
Income	\$125,656	\$129,902
Expense	\$132,012	\$133,297
Faith Promise for World Missions		
Income	\$26,420	\$32,600
Expense	\$25,457	\$30,766

World Missions/Faith Promise Update

GIPC uses the Faith Promise method in order to financially support a number of families involved in U.S. and foreign-based church planting, discipleship, evangelism, and medical missions work. The Faith Promise funds are maintained as a separate account from tithes and offerings (“General Fund”). *For this reason, please designate all gifts for “Faith Promise.”*

2011 Commitments Received (to-date): \$30,980

If you did not have an opportunity to turn in a card, you may still do so at any time. Please place them (unsigned) in the offering plate or in Dan Reed’s box in the church copy room. Cards are available in the sanctuary or foyer.



**The Lord’s Day
December 19, 2010**

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

**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 19, 2010 • 10:30 a.m.

His Name shall be called 'Immanuel'— God With Us!

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

“And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.” (I John 5:20)

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

Luke 1:68

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people.”

*Hymn of Adoration, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

No. 208

*Prayer of Invocation

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

▪ This Week ▪

Tuesday, December 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 a.m.—Men's Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>) • The Tuesday evening Women's Bible Study will resume on January 11, 2011.
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mid-Week Prayer Meeting will resume on Wednesday, January 5, 2011.
Friday, December 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols at GIPC
Saturday, December 25	<p>Christmas Day “. . . she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.” - Matthew 1:21</p>
Sunday, December 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 a.m. Sunday School • 10:15 a.m. Prayer for the Worship Service (<i>Prayer Room</i>) • 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship—<i>Mark series</i> • 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—<i>Philippians series</i>

▪ Serving Together ▪

<i>Please sign up on the board at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	December 19	December 26
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Clyde & Sue Taylor	
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Clay Huddleston	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship)	Connie Reed	Diane Chilton
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship)	Sara Brown	
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Sara Brown	
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 <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>)		



Women In the Church (WIC)

Bible Study for Women: "Psalms: Songs Along the Way" —Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

An overview of the Psalms, using a study guide by Kathleen Buswell Nielson and led by Sara Brown. Location: Sara Brown's home. *The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11th (Lesson 11), followed by the conclusion of the study on January the 18th.*

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

Meet at the home of Sue Taylor. The January selection is "44 Scotland Street" by Alexander McCall Smith. This is open to anyone who would like to participate. *Next meeting: January 4th, 6:00 p.m.*

WIC Leadership Team

The WIC Leadership Team meets once a month. Suggestions are welcome! Contact any member of the team: Sharon Bolin, Sara Brown, Diane Chilton, Dorothy Garvin, India Huddleston, or Renee Shepherd.

***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

OLD HUNDRETH

“Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, does signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace and our engagement to be the Lord’s.”
—Westminster Shorter Catechism, #94

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

Reception of New Members

Questions for Church Membership:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Jonathan Cason

Scripture Reading

Genesis 28
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 22)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

I John 4:9,10

“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 457

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon, “Evangelistic Obedience”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Christ is All: The Letter of Paul to the Philippians, Part 7

Text: Philippians 2:12-18

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 981

*Hymn of Response, “Awake My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve”

No. 576

*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

Psalm 103:10-12

“He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*”

No. 338

Scripture Reading

Acts 27

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 936)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*Walking on Water*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 25

Text: Mark 6:45-52

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,
pg. 842

**those who are able, please stand*

The Lord's Day Evening Worship
December 19, 2010 • 6:00 p.m.

***Hymn of Response, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

No. 521

***Benediction**

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Stepping Heavenward

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence." (II Peter 1:3)

"Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long." (Psalm 25:4, 5)

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 119:171,172

"My lips will pour forth praise, for You teach me Your statutes. My tongue will sing of Your word, for all Your commandments are right."

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"**

No. 198

from Psalm 24