

· THIS WEEK ·

	<i>(No Church Activities this week.)</i>
Sunday, January 1, 2012 <i>New Year's Day</i>	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Sermon series: <i>Mark: A Confrontation with Christ</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sermon series: <i>Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration</i>

· SERVING TOGETHER* ·

<i>*The sign-up sheets are located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	December 25	January 1
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)		
Ushers (10:15-11:40 a.m.)	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, 5:50-7:00 p.m.)	No Evening Worship	
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)		Betty Young-Smith
Prayer for the Worship Service (10:15-10:30 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>		

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 next week.

Saturday, February 4th—Congregational Hymn Singing Workshop

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Independent Presbyterian Church (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.

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.

Accompanist Gene
Campbell is Worship
Arts Director at
Memorial Presbyterian
Church, St. Louis, MO.

The Lord's Day Morning Worship

December 25, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Day

Gather in silent meditation:

“She will bear a son, and you shall call His name *Jesus*,
for He will save His people from their sins.”

- Matthew 1:21

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 118:28, 29

“You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God;
I will extol You. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!”

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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• 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 December 18th: \$28,338, or 91%

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

2012 Faith Promise Commitments received: \$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

“For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though He cause grief, He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love; for He does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.” (Lamentations 3:31-33)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of December 25, 2011.

For a complete list please see the latest issue of the GIPC Connection newsletter, available in the foyer or online (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 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

Trinity Hymnal,
No. 731

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 3
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 953)

***Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation"**

No. 347

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Nepal, Bhutan, Burma

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, "Born of a Woman"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Text: Galatians 4:4

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 974

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

***Hymn of Response, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

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***Benediction**