

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

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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 meeting on 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:

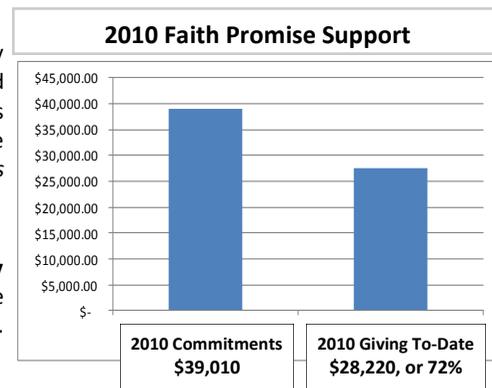
General Fund	Actual	Budget
Income	\$125,656	\$129,902
Expense	\$132,012	\$133,297
Faith Promise for World Missions		
Income	\$26,420	\$32,600
Expense	\$25,457	\$30,766

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 26, 2010**

**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 26, 2010 • 10:30 a.m.

Worshipping the God Who Delights in Truth

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

“Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being.”
(Psalm 51:6a)

“Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live; for Your law is my delight.”
(Psalm 119:77)

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** (responsive)

I Chronicles 16:8-10

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;
make known His deeds among the peoples!

**All: Sing to Him; sing praises to Him;
tell of all His wondrous works!**

Minister: Glory in His holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

***Hymn of Adoration, “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

No. 101

***Prayer of Invocation**

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

▪ This Week ▪

Sunday, January 2, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 a.m. Sunday School—Rev. Tommy Parks (presentation of the RUF ministry at UNF) • 10:15 a.m. Prayer for the Worship Service (<i>Prayer Room</i>) • 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship—Rev. Tommy Parks, RUF Campus Minister at UNF, Jacksonville; “The Ultimate Road Trip” (Exodus 16:1-12) • 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—Rev. Karl Dortzbach
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Save the Date—

Sunday, January 23, 2011—State of the Church Meeting
Immediately following the morning worship service

▪ Serving Together ▪

<i>Please sign up on the board at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	December 26	
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Betty and Jerry Harrell	Stop by the January sign-up board today!
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Jerry Harrell	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship)	Diane Chilton	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship)		
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)		
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>)		

Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, December 19, 2010 we welcomed as members of our fellowship

Sara Brown, Dorothy Cason, Jonathan Cason, and Connie Reed.

We congratulate them on their church membership and Jonathan on his baptism and trust the Lord will bless them and us through their membership in our church.

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 (Lesson 12).

"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.*

Looking ahead:

February selection: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

March selection: *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett (due out in paperback, early 2011)

WIC Leadership Team

The WIC Leadership Team meets once a month on the last Thursday of the month. Suggestions are welcome! Please contact any member of the team to share your ideas: Sharon Bolin, Sara Brown, Diane Chilton, Dorothy Garvin, India Huddleston, or Renee Shepherd.

Missed a Sunday?

Sermons from both the morning and evening worship services
are available on the church Resources page
along with weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters:

www.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

OLD HUNDRETH

We read through whole books of the Bible so that we see the whole sweep of Redemptive History as it unfolds throughout Scripture.

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

Scripture Reading

Genesis 29
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 23)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 3:23-25; 8:1

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation (atoning sacrifice) by His blood, to be received by faith.”

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “Man of Sorrows! What a Name”**

No. 246

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia

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, “Timothy and Epaphroditus”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Christ is All: The Letter of Paul to the Philippians, Part 8

Text: Philippians 2:19-30

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 981

***Hymn of Response, “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”**

No. 587

***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

I Peter 2:24a, 25

“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. . . For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “*From Every Stormy Wind That Blows*”

No. 631

Scripture Reading

Acts 28

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 937)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*Man vs. God*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 26

Text: Mark 6:53-7:13

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

***Hymn of Response, "Be Thou My Vision"**

No. 642

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

December 26, 2010 • 6:00 p.m.

**those who are
able, please stand*

***Benediction**

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Almighty and everlasting God,
who governs all things in heaven and earth;
Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people;
and so rule and guide us,
that we may do our duties faithfully;
constantly abhorring that which is evil,
and cleaving to that which is good;
being fervent in spirit, serving the Lord,
rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation,
and continuing instant in prayer;
so that we may enjoy Your peace all the days of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cultivating Faithfulness

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"Oh taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!"
(Psalm 34:8)

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Psalm 34:1-3

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord"**

No. 19