

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.

GIPC "Fighter Verse" for the week of December 2, 2012:



Proverbs 29:11

"A fool gives full vent to his spirit,
but a wise man quietly holds it back."

"Fighter Verses" are short passages of Scripture selected to equip the believer in the fight of faith. For a complete list please see the latest issue of the GIPC Connection newsletter, available in the foyer or online (gipc-pca.org). *Desiring God Ministries, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN*

**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 & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

December 2, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

The First Sunday of Advent

- Gather in silent meditation -

"This is the covenant that I will make...

I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts,
and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

- Jeremiah 31:33

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

"O LORD, You are my God;
I will exalt You; I will praise Your name,
for You have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure."

Isaiah 25:1

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

No. 194

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

• THIS WEEK AT GIPC •

Sunday, December 2	<p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>Ten Commandments study</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper— <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Advent series</i></p>
Wednesday, December 5	<p>Poinsettia Orders due. 9:30 a.m. Book Group for Women— <i>Meet at Sara Brown's home to discuss</i> <i>An Invisible Thread, by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski.</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></p>
Saturday, December 8	<p>8:00 a.m. "Second Saturday" Men's Breakfast and Bible Study <i>Meet at the Brown home.</i> 2:00-4:00 p.m. Women of GIPC—CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE & OPEN HOUSE <i>Meet at the Brown home.</i> For those who bring cookies, please bring one dozen to share and one dozen to exchange. (The "exchange" will take place at 3:00 p.m.)</p>
Sunday, December 9	<p>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></p>

A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 23rd
6:00 p.m. at GIPC



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 ·

Church Staff

Senior Minister
TE Alexander S. Brown
Administrative Assistant
to the Pastor
Dorothy Garvin

Elders

Chaplain (CAPT) T. Brannon Bowman (165th Airlift Wing, GA)
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.

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 11/30):	\$172,585	Expense—Actual (YTD through 11/30):	\$147,930
Income—Budget (YTD through 11/30):	\$190,400	Expense—Budget (YTD through 11/30):	\$162,145
Variance:	(\$ 17,815)	Variance:	\$ 14,215

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: \$25,864 or 70%. Budget YTD: \$33,530

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

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

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A #113-115

The Tenth Commandment: "You shall not covet. . ."

Minister: What is God's will for us in the tenth commandment?

All: That not even the slightest thought or desire contrary to any one of God's commandments should ever arise in my heart.

Rather, with all my heart I should always hate sin and take pleasure in whatever is right.

Minister: But can those converted to God obey these commandments perfectly?

All: No. In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience. Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God's commandments.

Minister: No one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly: why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

All: First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness.

Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God's image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.

***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.

From Psalm 51

Additional information may be found at: persecution.com

Scripture Reading

Romans 3
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 940)

***Hymn, “God, Be Merciful to Me”**

No. 486

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Kuwait, Iraq, Iran

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 Second Advent”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Text: Luke 21:25-36

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 881

***Hymn of Response, “Rejoice, All Ye Believers”**

No. 320

***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

Hebrews 9:28

“Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.”

*Hymn, “*Good Christian Men, Rejoice!*”

No. 207

Scripture Reading

Judges 12
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 212)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*Salvation Begins*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 19

Text: Exodus 8:16-32

Notes:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Preparation, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" No. 193**
(st. 1,2)

Invitation to the Sacrament and Fencing of the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Humble Access and Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

***Hymn of Response, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" No. 193**
(st. 3,4)

***Benediction**

This Week's Fighter Verse is found on page 12.

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week
Rev. Tommy Park, RUF Campus Minister
University of North Florida (UNF), Jacksonville

Pray for the ministry of Christ Church East as it meets on the campus of UNF. Praise God for new opportunities to connect with students! Pray that the Lord would fully supply all of their financial needs by year end. A donor has offered to match any new gifts made through December 20th, up to \$3,000. If you would like to send a special year-end gift for this ministry please mail your check to: RUF, 1700 N. Brown Rd., Suite 104, Lawrenceville, GA 30043, or donate online at: www.ruf.org/donate and designate for Tommy Park/UNF.

It is our custom to hold each element until all have been served, then all partake together.

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

December 2, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

"When these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because Your redemption is drawing near."

- Luke 21:28

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."

- II Peter 3:18

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145:21

"My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever."

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" No. 222**

**those who are able, please stand*