

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.

Mr. Gene Campbell,
Worship Arts Director,
Memorial Presbyterian
Church (St. Louis), will
be assisting us in our
worship today.

The Lord's Day Morning Worship

December 30, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world!”

- John 1:29

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-3

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

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

tell of all His wondrous works!

Glory in His holy name; let the hearts

of those who seek the LORD rejoice!”

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

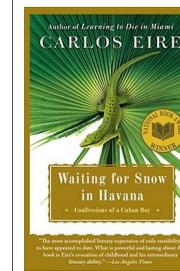
*Hymn, “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 164

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

• THIS WEEK AT GIPC •

Sunday, December 30	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>“Resolution” (Titus 2:11-14)</i>
Monday, December 31	5:00 p.m. Session Meeting
Tuesday, January 1, 2013	<i>New Year's Day</i>
Wednesday, January 2	<i>Bible Studies and the Midweek Prayer Meeting will resume next week.</i>
Sunday, January 6	9:30 a.m. Sunday School — <i>Ten Commandments study</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper — <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship — <i>Daniel: Faith in the Furnace series</i>



Women's Book Group

The next meeting of the Women's Book Group will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sue Taylor. The January selection is, “Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy,” by Carlos Eire.

· 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 12/18): \$189,521
Income—Budget (YTD through 12/31): \$213,000
Variance: (\$ 23,479)

World Missions/Faith Promise

GIPC uses the 'Faith Promise' method of giving in order to financially support a number of individuals/families involved in U.S. and foreign-based mission work. Please designate all gifts for "Faith Promise"; 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.

2012 Faith Promise Commitments: \$36,950—what we are trusting God to provide this year.

Faith Promise Receipts YTD through 11/30: \$26,689 or 72%.

2013 Faith Promise Commitment Cards to-date: \$25,900 toward the goal of \$36,000.

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

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

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A 126-129

(The Lord's Prayer, conclusion)

Minister: What does the fifth request mean?

All: *And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors* means,

Because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of Your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.

Minister: What does the sixth request mean?

All: *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil* means, By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own, even for a moment.

And our sworn enemies— the devil, the world, and our own flesh— never stop attacking us.

And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

Minister: What does Your conclusion to this prayer mean?

All: *For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever* means,

We have made all these requests of You because, as our all-powerful King, You not only want to, but are able to give us all that is good; and because Your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.

Minister: What does that little word "Amen" express?

All: *Amen* means, This is sure to be! It is even more sure that God listens to my prayer, than that I really desire what I pray for.

Originating in the mid-16th Century, the Heidelberg Catechism is regarded as possibly the most ecumenical and influential of the Reformed Catechisms.

***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.

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

Exodus 11-12:28
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 53)

***Hymn, "What Wondrous Love Is This"**

No. 261

Additional
information
may be found at:
persecution.com

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.*

***Hymn of Response, "All to Jesus I Surrender"**

No. 562

***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.

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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

Titus 3:5a

“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy.”

***Hymn, “Not What My Hands Have Done”**

No. 461

Scripture Reading

Judges 15

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 214)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “The Passover”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 23

Text: Exodus 11-12

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 53

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

December 30, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

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able, please stand

- Gather in silent meditation -

“But you, beloved,
build yourselves up in your most holy faith;
pray in the Holy Spirit;
keep yourselves in the love of God,
waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
that leads to eternal life.”

- Jude 20, 21



“Fighter Verse” plan for the week of December 30, 2012:

Use this time for catching up, review, and planning ahead.

Fighter Verses* are published each month in the *GIPC Connection* newsletter
(available online: gipc-pca.org/publications).

Visit “fighterverses.com” to find iPhone and Android apps, Scripture verses set to music, and John Piper’s sermons on the Fighter Verse program.

*A ministry of Desiring God; Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 32:11

“Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!”

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, “The Church’s One Foundation”**

No. 347