

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.

The Lord's Day Morning Worship

December 9, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Advent

- Gather in silent meditation -

"The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world."

- John 1:9

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

"Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of His name;
give to Him glorious praise!"

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, "God Himself Is with Us"

Psalm 66:1

No. 382

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

· THIS WEEK AT GIPC ·

Sunday, December 9	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>
Tuesday, December 11	5:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
Wednesday, December 12	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study — <i>Meet at Sara Brown's home</i> <i>(Current topic: Biblical Womanhood)</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>
Sunday, December 16	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>

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & 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 12/4): \$185,151
Income—Budget (YTD through 12/31): \$213,000
Variance: (\$ 27,849)

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

2013 Faith Promise Commitment Cards to date: \$25,300 toward the goal of \$36,000.

Missionary Newsletters and a Prayer Guide 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 #116-119

Minister: Why do Christians need to pray?

All: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.

And also because God gives His grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking Him for them.

Minister: How does God want us to pray so that He will listen to us?

All: First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, who has revealed Himself in His Word, asking for everything He has commanded us to ask for.

Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery, hiding nothing, and humble ourselves in His majestic presence.

Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what He promised us in His Word.

Minister: What did God command us to pray for?

All: Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord Himself taught us.

Minister: What is this prayer?

All: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

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

*Earlier manuscripts of Matt. 6 omit the words, 'For thine is...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.

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

Romans 3

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 940)

***Hymn, "What Child Is This"**

No. 213

Additional
information
may be found at:
persecution.com

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan

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, "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"**

No. 198

***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

Romans 5:8-9

“God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.”

***Hymn, “Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”**

No. 524

Scripture Reading

Judges 13

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 213)

Sermon, “The Light of the World”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 20

Text: Exodus 9:1-7

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 51

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

No. 208

***Benediction**

GIPC "Fighter Verse" for the week of December 9, 2012:



1 Peter 2:24

"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed."

"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*

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

December 9, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

"Behold, I send my messenger
and he will prepare the way before me."

- Malachi 3:1a

"There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John."

- John 1:6

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 98:4

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"**

No. 195

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