

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

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(TE Teaching Elder; RE Ruling Elder)

Adult Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Current series: "An Overview of Church History: Christ to Constantine." Led by Mr. Alexander Brown.

Mid-week Congregational Prayer Meeting—Praying with the Psalms

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. at GIPC.

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 turn to a time of dedicated corporate prayer.

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 or in the foyer. (gipc-pca.org)



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*. Memorization tips may be found at: <http://bit.ly/ec2Hcs>

World Missions/Faith Promise 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.

Because the Faith Promise funds are maintained as a separate account from tithes and offerings ("General Fund") all gifts should be designated for "Faith Promise."

2011 Commitments: \$30,980—what we are trusting God to provide. January gifts: \$2,255

Missionary Newsletters are available in the church foyer. Please use these as resources for prayer.

General Fund Financial Update—YTD through January 31, 2011

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	\$14,116	\$13,700
Expense:	\$13,655	\$13,612

The Lord's Day

February 20, 2011

**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

February 20, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"The unfolding of Your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple."

— Psalm 119:130

"For now we see in a mirror dimly; but then face to face.

Now I know in part; then I shall know fully,
even as I have been fully known."

— I Corinthians 13:12

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.

Special Report—The Gideons International

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 145:10,11

"All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You! They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power."

*Hymn of Adoration, "All Creatures of Our God and King"

No. 115

*Prayer of Invocation

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

▪ This Week ▪

Tuesday, February 22	7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study for Women (<i>Brown home—see note, pg. 10</i>)
Wednesday, February 23	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting—"Praying with the Psalms" (pg. 12)
Thursday, February 24	5:00 p.m. WIC Leadership Team Meeting (<i>Dr. Diane Bowen's office</i>) 6:45 p.m. CE Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 27	9:30 a.m. Sunday School—"Overview of Church History" 10:15 a.m. Prayer for the Worship Service (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>Mark series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Jonah series</i>

▪ Serving Together ▪

<i>The sign-up board is located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	February 20	February 27
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Sharon Bolin	Clay & India Huddleston
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Clay Huddleston	Jerry Harrell
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Renee Shepherd	Connie Reed
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship, 6:55-8:00 p.m.)	Connie Reed	
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Sara Brown	Renee Shepherd
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, 638-8237.</i>)		

February Birthdays

7 Nick Chilton 28 Connie Reed

Women In the Church (WIC)

Bible Study for Women: "Paul's Letters to Maturing Churches"

—each Tuesday (except the first), 6:30 p.m.

Studies in Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1st & 2nd Thessalonians; led by Sara Brown. Study guides are available for \$12 each. Location: Brown home. *If you have questions about the study, or need assistance with transportation, please do not hesitate to contact Sara.*

This week, February 22nd, the discussion will center around Lesson 3.

"Beyond the Pages" ~ GIPC Ladies Book Club —First Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

Meet at the home of Sue Taylor. ***Next meeting: March 1st, 6:00 p.m.***

The March selection is "HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET" by Jamie Ford.

WIC Leadership Team

The WIC Leadership Team meets once a month on the 4th Thursday. If you would like to attend the meeting to share your suggestions/ideas please contact any member of the team: Sharon Bolin, Sara Brown, Diane Chilton, Dorothy Garvin, India Huddleston, Connie Reed, or Renee Shepherd.

Sermons, weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters
are available on the church Resources page at:

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

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

Sermon, "The Disobedient Prophet"

Jonah, Part 1

Text: Jonah 1:1-3

Notes:

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ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 774

Scripture Reading

Genesis 37
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 31)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8,9

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

***Hymn of Assurance, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

No. 252

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Belarus, Turkey, Syria

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

***Hymn of Response, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

No. 457

***Benediction**

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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 4:14-16

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “What a Friend We have in Jesus”**

No. 629

Scripture Reading

Esther 8

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 414)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*The Clarity of the Kingdom*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 33

Text: Mark 8:22-26

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 844

***Hymn of Response, "Amazing Grace!"**

No. 460

***Benediction**

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"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever." (1 John 2:15-17)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of February 20, 2011.
For a complete list please see the February issue of the *GIPC Connection*.

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

February 20, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

**those who are able, please stand*

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it
—prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above."

— Robert Robinson, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" st. 3

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Jeremiah 9:23, 24

"Thus says the LORD: 'Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.'"

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "O Come My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord"**

No. 6

Psalm 103