

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

Church Staff

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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 27, 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 27, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

“Then they said to Him,
‘What must we do, to be doing the works of God?’
Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God,
that you believe in Him whom He has sent.’”
— John 6:28, 29

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

Psalm 96:2-4

“Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.”

*Hymn of Adoration, “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” No. 165

*Prayer of Invocation

Based on Psalm 93:1-4
and Revelation 7:9-12.

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

GIPC SCHEDULE for the week of February 27-March 6, 2011

Tuesday, March 1	7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>) 6:00 p.m. “Beyond the Pages” Book Club for Women (<i>Taylor home—see pg. 10</i>)
Wednesday, March 2	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting—“Praying with the Psalms” (pg. 12)
Thursday, March 3	6:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting (<i>Bolin home</i>)
Sunday, March 6	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 and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper— <i>Mark series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Jonah series</i>

VOLUNTEERS for the week of:

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

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.*

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m.; Lesson 4.

"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.**

All women are welcome; feel free to invite a friend or neighbor.

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

In April the discussion will focus on a book entitled: "Outcasts United," by Warren St. John.

"Meet the Fugees, a Clarkston, Georgia soccer team made up of refugee boys from such war-torn nations as Sudan, Kosovo, and Iraq. In a rich and touching narrative New York Times reporter Warren St. John relates the boys' stories. The book is also a striking portrait of a uniquely American place: Clarkston, a once-traditional Southern town turned 21st-century immigrant haven." (Sports Illustrated)

May book of the month: "The Help," by Kathryn Stockett

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.

CareNet's Walk For Life will be held on Saturday, March 12th.

Please see the bulletin insert for details.

Questions? See Dr. Diane Bowen.

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, "Storm of Grace"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Jonah, Part 2
Text: Jonah 1:4-16
Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 774

Scripture Reading

Genesis 38
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 32)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

***Hymn of Assurance, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

No. 599

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Lebanon, Gaza & the West Bank, Jordan

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, "Take My Life, and Let it Be"**

No. 585

***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

Psalm 86:5

“You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “God, Be Merciful to Me”**

No. 486

Scripture Reading

Esther 9

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 415)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “You Are the Christ”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 34

Text: Mark 8:27-30

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.

Psalm 51:1-15

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. 844*

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

February 27, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

***Hymn of Response, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

No. 235

***Benediction**

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"Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." (Psalm 73:25-26)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of February 27, 2011.
For a complete list please see the February and March issues of the *GIPC Connection*.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"I know that the LORD is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods."
(Psalm 135:5)

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 135:6-7

"Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps. He it is who makes the clouds rise at
the end of the earth, who makes lightnings for the rain and
brings forth the wind from His storehouses."

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "O Father, You Are Sovereign"**

No. 75

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week

**Rev. Sammy Rhodes, Reformed University Fellowship / Georgia Southern (GSU)
Statesboro, GA**