

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

Church Staff

Senior Minister
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TE Brad Waller (Associate Pastor, Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah)
(TE Teaching Elder; RE Ruling Elder)

The Session, consisting of all Teaching and Ruling Elders, meets on the third Monday evening of each month.

Adult Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Alexander Brown began a new series on Sunday, January 9th: "Overview of Church History."

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 will 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 on page 3 of 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* on page 4. Memorization tips may be found at: <http://bit.ly/ec2Hcs>

World Missions/Faith Promise Update

GIPC uses the Faith Promise method in order to financially support a number of families involved in U.S. and foreign-based church planting, discipleship, evangelism, and medical missions work.

The Faith Promise funds are maintained as a separate account from tithes and offerings ("General Fund"). *For that reason, please designate all gifts for "Faith Promise."*

2011 Commitments: \$30,980

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

The 2010 report to the congregation and the 2011 Faith Promise budget will be presented at the Annual State of the Church meeting on January 23rd.

The Lord's Day

January 16, 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

January 16, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness.”
(Psalm 45:6)

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 115:1-3

“Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness! Why should the nations say, ‘Where is their God?’ Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases.”

*Hymn of Adoration, “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

No. 310

*Prayer of Invocation

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

▪ This Week ▪

Tuesday, January 18	7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>) 6:00 p.m. Psalms Bible Study for Women—Lesson 12 (conclusion) (pg. 10) 6:30 p.m. GIPC Stated Session Meeting (<i>IPC, Savannah</i>)
Wednesday, January 19	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting—“Praying with the Psalms” (pg. 12)
Sunday, January 23	“Sanctity of Human Life Sunday” 9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>Overview of Church History (led by Alexander Brown)</i> 10:15 a.m. Prayer for the Worship Service (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>Gospel of Mark series</i> 12:00 noon—Annual State of the Church Meeting (<i>Light Buffet Lunch included</i>) 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Philippians series</i>

▪ Serving Together ▪

<i>Please sign up on the board at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	January 16	January 23
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Betty & Jerry Harrell	Sug Gathright
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Nick Chilton, Jerry Harrell	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship)	Connie Reed	Sara Brown
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship)	Sara Brown	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.</i>)		

Sunday, January 23rd—Annual State of the Church Meeting at GIPC

*Immediately following the Morning Worship service
Annual Report, 2011 Budget presentation*

~ Light Buffet Lunch included ~

Sandwich meat, rolls and beverages will be provided.

✓ *Please SIGN UP in the foyer to bring side salads, chips and desserts.*

Women In the Church (WIC)

Bible Study for Women: "Psalms: Songs Along the Way" —Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

An overview of the Psalms, by Kathleen Buswell Nielson; led by Sara Brown. Location: Brown home. **The next meeting (and the conclusion of this study) will be held on Tuesday, January 18th (Lesson 12).**

A NEW BIBLE STUDY for WOMEN will begin on Tuesday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m.

"Paul's Letters to Maturing Churches: Studies in Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1st & 2nd Thessalonians." >> Please sign up in the foyer to order a study guide (\$12).

Meeting time: Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 8

Location: Brown home

Here is a *sampling* of chapter titles from the 12-week study: "A Covenantal Perspective"; "Our Spiritual Blessings in Christ"; "The Manner of a Worthy Walk"; "Persevering Faith"; "The Hope of the Resurrection," and "Steadfast

until Christ's Return." *If you have questions about the study, or need assistance with transportation, please contact Sara Brown.*

"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: February 1st, 6:00 p.m.** The February selection is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows—a story about life on Guernsey* during and right after World War II.

*an island located between England and France, occupied by the Nazis

March selection: The Help, by Kathryn Stockett (due out in paperback, early 2011)

WIC Leadership Team

The WIC Leadership Team meets once a month on the last Thursday of the month. Suggestions are welcome! Please contact any member of the team to share your ideas: Sharon Bolin, Sara Brown, Diane Chilton, Dorothy Garvin, India Huddleston, or Renee Shepherd.

**New Study!
New Time!**

Missed a Sunday?

Sermons from both the morning and evening worship services are available on the church Resources page along with weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters:

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

OLD HUNDRETH

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, "Eyes on Christ, Not on the World"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Christ is All: The Letter of Paul to the Philippians, Part 10

Text: Philippians 3:12-4:1

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 981

Scripture Reading

Genesis 32

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 27)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

"I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,'
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin."

*Hymn of Assurance, "It Is Well with My Soul"

No. 691

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Cuba, Mexico, Columbia

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, "Be Thou My Vision"

No. 642

*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

I Peter 1:18, 19

“You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “*Not All the Blood of Beasts*”

No. 242

Scripture Reading

Esther 3

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 411)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*Gentile Joy*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 28

Text: Mark 7:24-30

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 843

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

January 16, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

***Hymn of Response, "All Authority and Power"**

No. 453

***Benediction**

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"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen."
(Romans 11:34-36)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of January 16, 2011.
For a complete list, please see the January issue of the *GIPC Connection*.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"Let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith..."
(Hebrews 12, selected)

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Hebrews 12:28

"Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "Holy, Holy, Holy!"**

No. 100