

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. You will seek Me and find Me. When you seek Me with all your heart, I will be found by you,’ declares the LORD.”



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of January 1, 2012.

For a complete list please see the latest issue of the GIPC Connection newsletter, available in the foyer or online (gipc-pca.org).

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 & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

January 1, 2012 - 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

- Matthew 5:8

“Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.”

- Psalm 51:10

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Psalm 34:1-3

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Congregation: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

***Hymn, “When Morning Gilds the Sky”**

No. 167

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

· THIS WEEK ·

Wednesday, January 4th	6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting <i>A light supper* is served at 6:30, followed by prayer at 7:00 p.m.</i> <i>(*\$3/person; reservations are not required.)</i>
Thursday, January 5th	6:30 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
Sunday, January 8th	9:30 a.m. Sunday School <i>Series: The Gospel of Grace: Paul's Letter to the Galatians</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship <i>Series: Mark: A Confrontation with Christ</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship <i>Series: Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration</i>

· SERVING TOGETHER * ·

<i>*The sign-up sheets are located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	January 1	January 8
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)		Jerry & Betty Harrell
Ushers (10:15-11:40 a.m.)		Clay Huddleston
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Sara Brown	Diane Bowen Chilton
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship, 5:50-7:00 p.m.)		
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room— during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Betty Young-Smith	Connie Reed
Prayer for the Worship Service (10:15-10:30 a.m.) 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>		

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, January 15, 2012—GIPC Fellowship Lunch and State of the Church Meeting

Presentation of Annual Report. All are welcome to attend!

▶ **Please sign up** in the foyer to bring either a main dish (chili or favorite casserole), a salad and bread, or a dessert.

Saturday, February 4th—Congregational Hymn Singing Workshop

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Independent Presbyterian Church (IPC), Savannah

Psalm 147:1 states, “How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!” Yet we rarely spend time considering why we sing, and learning to sing well! This workshop will feature Dr. Paul Jones, Organist and Music Director of historic Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA.

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

Church Staff

Senior Minister
TE Alexander S. Brown
*Administrative Assistant
to the Pastor*
Dorothy Garvin

Elders

TE Brannon Bowman (Pastor, Grace Church of the Islands, Savannah)
RE Gary McArthur (First Presbyterian Church, Pooler)
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.

Join us as we study God’s Word together. Our current series is *The Gospel of Grace: Paul’s letter to the Galatians*. Led by Mr. Brown.

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



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*.

World Missions/Faith Promise Financial 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. The Faith Promise funds are maintained as a separate account from tithes and offerings (“General Fund”); all such gifts should be designated for “Faith Promise.”

Faith Promise commitments are made each year during the Missions Conference in November. The total amount committed determines the missionary support budget for the following calendar year.

2011 Faith Promise Commitments: \$30,980—*what we are trusting God to provide this year.*

2011 Faith Promise Balance YTD, through December 25th: \$28,688, or 93%

2012 Goal for World Missions Support: \$36,000

2012 Faith Promise Commitments received: \$36,950



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

General Fund Financial Update—YTD through November 30, 2011:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income:	\$ 154,742	\$ 158,925
Total Expense:	\$ 153,456	\$ 158,983

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

The Heidelberg Catechism
Q & A #1

Minister: What is thy only comfort in life and death?

All: That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with His precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.

***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.

Additional information may be found at: www.persecution.com

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 4
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 953)

***Hymn, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

No. 252

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Maldives, Sri Lanka

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.

Sermon, “The way of life and the way of death”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Part 29 of a series on the book of Jeremiah: “Judgment and Restoration”

Text: Jeremiah 21:1-10

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 648

***Hymn of Response, “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched”**

No. 472

***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 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.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*”

No. 251

Scripture Reading

I John 3

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 1022)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*The Crucifixion*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 70

Text: Mark 15:16-32

Notes:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Preparation, "Man of Sorrows! What a Name" No. 246** (st. 1-3)

Invitation to the Sacrament and Fencing of the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Humble Access and Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

***Hymn of Response, "Man of Sorrows! What a Name" No. 246** (st. 4-5)

***Benediction**



Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week
Rev. Michael Gordon, Campus Minister with
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at SCAD
(Savannah College of Art and Design)

It is our custom to hold each element until all have been served, then all partake together.

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

January 1, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

**those who are able, please stand*

Gather in silent meditation:

"Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."

- Hebrews 4:7b

*"Make me to know Your ways,
O LORD; teach me Your paths.
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are the God of my salvation;
for You I wait all the day long."*

- Psalm 25:4,5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Psalm 29:1,2

Minister: **Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

All: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "How Great Thou Art"**

No. 44