

• GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH •

Church Staff

Senior Minister
TE Alexander S. Brown
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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.

Alexander Brown will begin a new series on Sunday, January 9th, "Overview of Church History."

Mid-week Congregational Prayer Meeting—*Praying with the Psalms*

Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at GIPC, resuming January the 5th.

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.

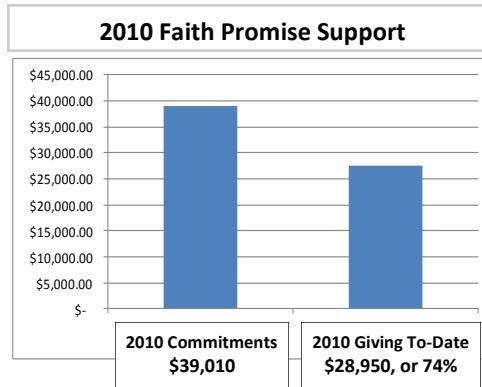
Our aim is to learn from the Psalms how we should pray, and then following that we will turn to a time of dedicated corporate prayer.

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 this reason, please designate all gifts for "Faith Promise."*

2011 Commitments Received (to-date): \$30,980

If you did not have an opportunity to turn in a card, you may still do so at any time. Please place them (unsigned) in the offering plate or in Dan Reed's box in the church copy room. Cards are available in the sanctuary or foyer.



The Lord's Day

January 2, 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 2, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Worshipping the God Who Is Our Salvation

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"Know therefore that the LORD your God is God,
the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love
with those who love Him and keep His commandments,
to a thousand generations."

(Deuteronomy 7:9)

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 107:1-2

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast
love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom He has redeemed from trouble."

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

*Hymn of Adoration, "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 30, st. 1-4, 7

*Prayer of Invocation

▪ This Week ▪

Tuesday, January 4	7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>) 6:00 p.m. "Beyond the Pages" - Book Discussion Group for Women (Sue Taylor's home) <i>This month's selection: see page 10</i>
Wednesday, January 5	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting— <i>"Praying with the Psalms"</i> (pg. 12)
Thursday, January 6	6:30 p.m. Mission Team Meeting (<i>Huddleston home</i>)
Sunday, January 9	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>*New series*</i> —Overview of Church History (led by Alexander Brown) 10:15 a.m. Prayer for the Worship Service (Prayer Room) 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper—Mark series 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—Philippians series

Save the Date—

Sunday, January 23, 2011—State of the Church Meeting

Immediately following the morning worship service

▪ Serving Together ▪

Please sign up on the board at the back of the sanctuary.	January 2	January 9
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Betty & Jerry Harrell	Sharon Bolin
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)		Jerry Harrell
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (AM Worship)	Diane Chilton	Sara Brown
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (PM Worship)		
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Betty Young-Smith	
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. (If you have questions, please contact Betty Harrell.)		

Women In the Church (WIC)

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

An overview of the Psalms, using a study guide by Kathleen Buswell Nielson and led by Sara Brown.

Location: Sara Brown's home

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11th (Lesson 11), followed by the conclusion of the study on January the 18th (Lesson 12).

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

Meet at the home of Sue Taylor. The January selection is "44 Scotland Street" by Alexander McCall Smith. This is open to anyone who would like to participate. **Next meeting: January 4th, 6:00 p.m.**

Looking ahead:

February selection: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

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.

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*)

The Apostles' Creed

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.

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

*The Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen, Amen.

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

Scripture Reading

Genesis 30
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 24)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:22, 23

"Now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

***Hymn of Assurance, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"** No. 647, st. 1-4

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Indonesia, Brunei, Philippines

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

Sermon, "The Continual Promise: A Cycle of Glory"

Text: Luke 2:22-40
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 857)

Notes:

***Hymn of Response, "To God Be the Glory"**

No. 55

***Benediction**

Prayer of Confession**Assurance of Pardon**

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Hymn of Assurance, "Great is Thy Faithfulness"*I John 1:9****No. 32, st. 1, 3****Sermon, "The Ultimate Road-Trip"****Rev. Tommy Park**

Text: Exodus 16:1-12
(ESV Pew Bible pg. 58)

Notes:

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of North Florida,
Jacksonville

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism**Covenant Vows:**

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit? Do you?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his/her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his/her salvation, as you do for your own? Do you?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him/her a godly example, that you will pray with and for him/her, that you will teach him/her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him/her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? Do you?
4. To the congregation:
Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child? Raise hands.

Prayer of Dedication

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**Esther 1**

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 410)

Intercessory Prayer***Hymn of Response, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"****No. 598**

"He will be our
guide even to
the end."

—Psalm 48:14

***Benediction**

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

January 2, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

*those who are
able, please stand

Worshipping the God Who Keeps Covenant

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commandments! His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed." (Psalm 112:1,2)

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (unison)

Psalm 78 (selected)

"We will. . .tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done. . .so that they should set their hope in God."

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, "*All You That Fear Jehovah's Name*"

No. 9

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.

All: 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.**

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.