

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

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*Copies of GIPC's 2010 Annual Report, presented at the State of the Church Meeting on January 23rd,
are available in the Church Office.*

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.

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

The Lord's Day

January 30, 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 30, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

“We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of Your temple.
As Your name, O God, so Your praise reaches
to the ends of the earth!”
—Psalm 48:9, 10a

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 48:1-3

“Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!
His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. Within her
citadels God has made Himself known as a fortress.”

*Hymn of Adoration, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

No. 92

*Prayer of Invocation

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

▪ This Week ▪

Tuesday, February 1	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 (pg. 11)
Wednesday, February 2	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting—“Praying with the Psalms” (pg. 12)
Thursday, February 3	6:30 p.m. Mission Team Meeting (<i>Garvin home</i>)
Sunday, February 6	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— “Overview of Church History” (pg. 12) 10:15 a.m. Prayer for the Worship Service (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper— <i>Mark series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Philippians series</i>

▪ Serving Together ▪

<i>The sign-up board is located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	January 30	February 6
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Betty & Jerry Harrell	Look for the February Sign-Up sheet.
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)		
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship)	Renee Shepherd	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship)	Sara Brown	
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room— during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)		
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” —Beginning Tuesday, February 8th, 6:30 p.m.

Studies in Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1st & 2nd Thessalonians, led by Sara Brown. Study guides are \$12 each. Location: Brown home. If you have questions about the study, or need assistance with transportation, please contact Sara.

“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.

‘The Help’, our March selection, will not be out in paperback until later in the Spring. A different book for March will be chosen at this Tuesday's meeting; ‘The Help’ will be discussed in May.

WIC Leadership Team

The WIC Leadership Team meets once a month on the last Thursday of the month. 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, or Renee Shepherd.

***Hymn of Response, "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"**

No. 310

***Benediction**

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***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 Doxology**

OLD HUNDRETH

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.

Sermons, weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters
are available on the church Resources page at:
www.gipc-pca.org

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.

Lyrics: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook

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

Scripture Reading

Genesis 34
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 28)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8 (selected)

“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? . . . Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised— who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Him now I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God!

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Algeria, Tunisia, Libya

Sermon, “Final Exhortation 2: Joy”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Christ is All: The Letter of Paul to the Philippians, Part 12

Text: Philippians 4:4-9

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 982

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 John 2:1,2

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “Man of Sorrows! What a Name”**

No. 246

Scripture Reading

Esther 5

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 413)

Intercessory Prayer

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, “A Heavenly Feast”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 30

Text: Mark 8:1-10

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.

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. 843

***Hymn of Response, "Jesus Shall Reign"**

No. 441

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

January 30, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

**those who are able, please stand*

*Benediction

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"When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. In God, whose Word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?"
(Psalm 56:3-4)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of January 30, 2011.
For a complete list please see the January & February issues of the *GIPC Connection*.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever."
—Psalm 146:5, 6a

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

Psalm 146 *(selected)*

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

**The LORD watches over the sojourners;
He upholds the widow and the fatherless,**

But the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

**The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.**

Praise the Lord!

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul"**

No. 57

Psalm 146

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week

Karl and Debbie Dortzbach (International)

Missionary newsletters are available in the church foyer.