

### 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.



### Ladies Spring Bible Study

“Meeting Jesus: Women of Faith from the New Testament”

>>> Sign-up sheets and details are available in the foyer. Study Guides: \$10

#### Two study times are offered:

<u>When</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Child-care Available</u>
Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:00 a.m.	January 17th	GIPC	Yes
Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	January 17th	TBA	No

Questions? Please contact Sara Brown.

**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 8, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.”

- Psalm 103:2-5

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Interlude

### \*Call to Worship

“Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name!”

### Psalm 103:1

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

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

## • THIS WEEK •

<b>Tuesday, January 10</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group for Women</b> — This month's selection is "Corduroy Mansions," by Alexander McCall Smith. Meet at the Taylor home. Open to all women who enjoy reading and discussing books!
<b>Wednesday, January 11</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting at GIPC</b> — A light supper* is served at 6:30, followed by prayer at 7:00 p.m. (*\$3/person; reservations not required.)
<b>Saturday, January 14</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. "Second Saturday" Men's Breakfast and Bible Study</b> — All men of the church are invited to meet at the Brown home.
<b>Sunday, January 15</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</b> Series: <i>The Gospel of Grace: Paul's Letter to the Galatians</i> <b>10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</b> Series: <i>Mark: A Confrontation with Christ</i> <b>12:00 noon Fellowship Lunch ("Potluck") and State of the Church meeting</b> <b>6:00 p.m. Evening Worship</b> Series: <i>Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration</i>

## • SERVING TOGETHER\* •

*Sign-up sheets are located at the back of the sanctuary.	January 8	January 15
<b>Greeters</b> (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Jerry & Betty Harrell	
<b>Ushers</b> (10:15-11:40 a.m.)	Clay Huddleston, Jerry Harrell	Jerry Harrell
<b>Nursery—0-3 yrs.</b> ( <u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Diane Bowen Chilton	Ashlei Boatright
<b>Nursery—0-3 yrs.</b> ( <u>PM</u> Worship, 5:50-7:00 p.m.)		
<b>Children's Church—4-5 yrs.</b> (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Connie Reed	
<b>Hospice Meal:</b> 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.)		

## 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.

**Copies of the GIPC 2011 Annual Report** are available at the back of the sanctuary. *Please take one per family to review prior to the meeting next week. Bring your copy with you to the meeting.*

### 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**

**2011 Faith Promise Balance through December 31st: \$29,233, or 94%**

**2011 Faith Promise Expenses through December 31st: \$28,700**

**2012 Faith Promise Commitments: \$36,950—*what we are trusting God to provide this year.***



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 December 31, 2011:**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$165,199</b>	<b>\$178,250</b>
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$167,687</b>	<b>\$175,120</b>

**\*Hymn, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

**No. 53**

From  
Psalm 103

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

***The Heidelberg Catechism*  
Q & A #2**

*Originating in the mid-16<sup>th</sup> Century, the Heidelberg Catechism is regarded as possibly the most ecumenical and influential of the Reformed Catechisms.*

**Minister: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?**

**All: Three things:  
First, how great my sin and misery are;  
second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;  
third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.**

**\*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.

(Words and Music by Stuart Townend)

Additional information may be found at: [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)

## Scripture Reading

**I Corinthians 5**  
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 954)

### **\*Hymn, “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;  
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure!  
How great the pain of searing loss: the Father turns His face away  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life: I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything— no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

## Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia*

## 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 Faithless Kings”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Part 30 of a series on the book of *Jeremiah*: “*Judgment and Restoration*”

Text: *Jeremiah 21:11-22:9*

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,  
pg. 649

**\*Hymn of Response, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**No. 529**

**\*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

Titus 3:4,5a

“When the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy.”

**\*Hymn of Assurance, “Not What My Hands Have Done”** No. 461

### Scripture Reading

**I John 4**  
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 1023)

### Intercessory Prayer

## Sermon, “The Death of Christ”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

**Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 71**

**Text: Mark 15:33-39**

**Notes:**

ESV Pew Bible,  
pg. 853

**\*Hymn of Response, “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”** No. 257

### \*Benediction

## The Lord's Day Evening Worship

January 8, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

*Gather in silent meditation:*

“You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though He was rich,  
yet for your sake He became poor,  
so that you by His poverty might become rich.”

- II Corinthians 8:9

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

“Not to us, O LORD, not to us,  
but to Your name give glory,  
for the sake of Your steadfast love  
and Your faithfulness!”

**Psalm 115:1**

### \*Prayer of Invocation

### \*Hymn of Adoration, “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

**No. 76**

\*those who are  
able, please stand

### Jeremiah 32:40

“I will make with them an everlasting covenant,  
that I will not turn away from doing good to them.  
And I will put the fear of Me in their hearts, that  
they may not turn from Me.”



### GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of January 8, 2012.

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

### Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week

**Rev. Ro Taylor, Campus Minister with  
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at GSU**  
(Georgia Southern University, Statesboro)

*Newsletters are available in the foyer.*