

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

Church Staff

Senior Minister
TE Alexander S. Brown
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(TE Teaching Elder; RE Ruling Elder)



Adult Sunday School— Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Christianity Explored will take us on a journey to learn who Jesus is, why He came, and what it means to follow Him. This course will introduce seekers to the person at the heart of the Christian faith, Jesus Christ, and equip believers to explain the Christian message, using the *Gospel of Mark*.

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 (www.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*.

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."

Annual Faith Promise commitments are made during the **Missions Conference** in November; this year's conference is scheduled for **November 11-13, 2011**.

Missionary Newsletters are available in the church foyer.

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

FP Balance YTD through July 10th: \$15,493, or 50%

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	\$ 80,552	\$ 80,750
Expense:	\$ 77,025	\$ 85,978

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 that is 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, and who then take that 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. Children will be brought back immediately following the service. 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

July 24, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

"Seek the Lord while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near."

— Isaiah 55:6

"I sought the LORD, and He answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to Him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed."

— Psalm 34:4,5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

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

Psalm 34:3

*Hymn of Adoration, "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

No. 76

*Prayer of Invocation

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

• THIS WEEK'S EVENTS •

Sunday, July 31	9:30 a.m. Sunday School — "Christianity Explored" (see pg. 12) 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship — Preaching series: <i>Mark: A Confrontation with Christ</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship — Preaching series: <i>Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration</i>
Summer Schedule	During the summer months we break from our normal schedule. The following activities will resume in the Fall: <i>Midweek Prayer Meeting, Bible Studies for Men and Women, Ladies Book Discussion Group.</i>

• SERVING TOGETHER •

<i>The ministry sign up board is located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	July 24	July 31
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Betty & Jerry Harrell	
Ushers (10:15-11:40 a.m.)	Jerry Harrell	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (AM Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Renee Shepherd	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (PM Worship, 5:50-7:00 p.m.)		
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room— during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)		Connie Reed
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.)		



Congratulations to Alexander and Sara Brown
on the birth of their son, James Campbell Brown,
born 22 July, 2011 in Brunswick, Georgia.





**Update on the
"Change-For-Life" campaign**
to raise funds for the local
CareNet centers:

CareNet Goal — \$47,500

Received To-Date — \$44,476!

Thank you for your support of this life-giving ministry.

Stop by the foyer
to pick up a list
of practical ways
you can help
CareNet of Coastal GA!



***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 Gloria Patri**

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.

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

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.

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook

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

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 8
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 1005)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:7

“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”

*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: Kuwait, Iraq, Iran

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.

Sermon, “Hollow Idols”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Part 13 of a series on the book of *Jeremiah*:

“Judgment and Restoration”

Text: **Jeremiah 9:10-10:25**

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 637

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

No. 252

*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

Romans 5:1,6

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. . . For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “*Loved with Everlasting Love*”

No. 703

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 19
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 97)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*The Parable of the Tenants*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 52

Text: Mark 12:1-12

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 848

*Hymn of Response, “*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*”

No. 342

*Benediction

Fellowship Lunch—Today!

All are invited to stay after the service for an indoor “Picnic Lunch.”
Mr. Brown will share a brief report on the PCA’s 39th General Assembly.

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A \$2/person donation is requested to help defray the cost of the meat.
(A donation basket will be available at the lunch.)



“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of July 24, 2011.

For a complete list please see the July issue of the *GIPC Connection*.

The Lord’s Day Evening Worship

July 24, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

“All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
but the LORD weighs the spirit.”

— Proverbs 16:2

“Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,
and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.”

— Psalm 51:6

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 149:1,2

“Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
His praise in the assembly of the godly!
Let Israel be glad in His Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!”

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, “Fairest Lord Jesus”**

No. 170

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able, please stand