



Looking Ahead—Sunday, March 25, 2012 IPC Youth Choir at AM Worship

A special treat is in store as once again we welcome the 25-member **Youth Choir** from Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, on Sunday morning, March 25th.

Under the direction of church organist/choir director Kathryn Van Eck, the choir will present special music and assist in our worship service. Following the service there will be a **Fellowship Lunch**. Please sign up in the foyer to bring either a side dish or a dessert to serve 6-8 people. Donations of \$3/person, \$5 per family are requested to help defray the cost of meat/cheese trays.

Membership Class

We are planning to have our next Membership Class on the **weekend of 16th of March**. If you are interested in becoming a member of GIPC, or simply want to know more about what membership entails, please plan on joining us!

Over the course of Friday evening (6pm-8pm), and Saturday morning (9am-12pm) we will study the membership vows which all members must take, in order to understand what they require and the implications that they have for us once we become members.

While this course is required for everyone who would like to become a member of Golden Isles, you are welcome to attend if you are not planning to join the church but would just like to know more about what church membership entails.

> Please email the church office (office@gipc-pca.org) by Sunday, March 11, if you plan to attend. *Questions? Contact Mr. Alexander Brown.*

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

March 11, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

*“To Him who is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*

- Ephesians 3:20, 21

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Revelation 4:11

*“Worthy are You, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for You created all things,
and by Your will they existed and were created.”*

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

No. 296

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

• THIS WEEK •

Tuesday, March 13	6:30-8:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study— “Meeting Jesus: Women of Faith from the New Testament” (Dr. Diane Bowen’s office)
Wednesday, March 14	9:30-11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study— “Meeting Jesus: Women of Faith from the New Testament” (GIPC; child care provided.) 6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting at GIPC— A light supper* is served at 6:30, followed by prayer at 7:00. (*\$3/person)
Thursday, March 15	7:00 p.m. B & G Meeting— (Dr. Diane Bowen’s office)
Friday/Saturday March 16, 17	GIPC New Members Class— see pg. 12.
Sunday, March 18	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>Two Ways to Live: Know and Share the Gospel.</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration.</i>

• SERVING TOGETHER •

-Sign up for Greeting & Ushering at the back of the church. -Contact Nursery Coordinator Sara Brown to assist in the Nursery or with Children’s Church.	March 11	March 18
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Sug Gathright	Betty & Jerry Harrell
Ushers (10:15-11:40 a.m.)	Jerry Harrell	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (AM Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.) Nursery—0-3 yrs. (PM Worship, 5:50-7:00 p.m.)	Gaschler Family	Diane Chilton
Children’s Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room— during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Connie Reed	Charlotte Hull
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.)		

Care Meals for the Hull Family

We are collecting casseroles for the Hull family. Please bring main courses, sides, and desserts to feed 6-8 people and leave them in the church freezer. Label all dishes for the “Hull Family.” All food must be fully cooked. *If you have questions, please contact Sara Brown.*

· 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.

Current Study: *Two Ways to Live: Know and Share the Gospel*. Learn how to introduce the gospel into a variety of conversations and through a variety of opportunities. (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.*

Children's Ministry

GIPC offers a Nursery during the Morning and Evening worship services for ages infant through three years. Children's Church is available during the sermon portion of the morning service; children meet in the room adjacent to the Nursery.

See the wall display across from the Nursery for more information and ways you can help.



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*.

General Fund Financial Update— YTD through February 29, 2012:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	\$31,500	\$31,450
Expense:	\$27,044	\$26,621

World Missions/Faith Promise

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.

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

Faith Promise Receipts YTD through February 29th: \$5,104 or 14%

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

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

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A #27, 28

Minister: What do you understand by the providence of God?

All: Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which He upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty— all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from His fatherly hand.

Minister: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

All: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from His love. All creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.

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

***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.

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

Sermon, "A Present Peace, and A Future Hope" Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration, Part 39

Text: Jeremiah 29:1-14

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 656

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 13
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 959)

***Hymn, "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"**

No. 520

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week:
Lebanon, Gaza & the West Bank, Jordan

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.

***Hymn of Response, "We Rest on Thee"**

No. 449

***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

II Corinthians 5:21

“For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

No. 247

Scripture Reading

Joshua 6

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 181)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “United we stand, divided we fall.”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land, Part 7

Text: I Peter 1:22-2:3

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 1014

*Hymn of Response, “The Church’s One Foundation”

No. 347

*Benediction

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

March 11, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

*"We are the aroma of Christ to God
among those who are being saved
and among those who are perishing."*

- II Corinthians 2:15

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

I Peter 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to His great mercy
He has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

No. 164

Psalm 103:8-10



"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities."

GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of March 11, 2012. For a complete list please see the latest issue of the *GIPC Connection* newsletter, available in the foyer or online (gipc-pca.org).