



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

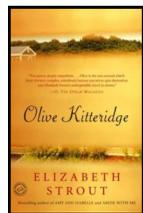
A special treat is in store as once again we welcome the 25-member **Youth Choir** from Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, on Sunday morning, March 25th. Under the direction of church organist/choir director Kathryn Van Eck, the choir will present special music and assist in our worship service. 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.**

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## Book Group News

The April selection is *Olive Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout:



*"One of the year's best....a piece of multi-textured music—AND a great piece of writing about small town America....A fascinating collection....Strout's writing here is deep and masterful....If you're going to read one book of short fiction this year, make it this one."* (Buffalo News)

**The Book Group meets on the First Tuesday of each month and is open to all women who enjoy reading and discussing books.** The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 3rd at the home of Sue Taylor.

## 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 18, 2012 - 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

"From Him and through Him and to Him are all things.  
To Him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,  
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship."

- Romans 11:36, 12:1

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Interlude

### \*Call to Worship

I Timothy 1:17

"To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \*Hymn, "Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!"

No. 19

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

## · THIS WEEK ·

<b>Tuesday, March 20</b>	<b>6:30-8:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study— "Meeting Jesus: Women of Faith from the New Testament" (Dr. Diane Bowen's office)</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 21</b>	<b>9:30-11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study— "Meeting Jesus: Women of Faith from the New Testament" (GIPC; child care provided.)</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. (*\$3/person)
<b>Thursday, March 22</b>	<b>5:30 p.m. WIC Leadership Team Meeting— (Dr. Diane Bowen's office)</b>
<b>Sunday, March 25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <u>New Class</u> (see announcement, opposite page)</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Morning Worship, with Special Music presented by the <u>Youth Choir</u> from Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, GA; followed by a <u>Fellowship Lunch</u>.</b> Sermon series: <i>I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land</i> <b>6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—</b> Sermon series: <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.	<b>March 18</b>	<b>March 25</b>
<b>Greeters</b> (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Betty & Jerry Harrell	
<b>Ushers</b> (10:15-11:40 a.m.)	Jerry Harrell	
<b>Nursery—0-3 yrs.</b> ( <u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.) <b>Nursery—0-3 yrs.</b> ( <u>PM</u> Worship, 5:50-7:00 p.m.)	Diane Chilton	Gaschler Family
<b>Children's Church—4-5 yrs.</b> (Kindergarten Room— during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Charlotte Hull	Sara Brown
<b>Hospice Meal:</b> On the 2nd Thursday of each month a meal for four people is prepared and delivered to the Hospice of the Golden Isles. 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.)		

### New Members/Inquirer's Class

The New Members Class has been rescheduled for the weekend of May 18 and 19, 2012.

· 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 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. - NEW CLASS March 25th**

The current study concludes today. Next week, March 25th, will begin a new study: "The Blossoming of the Church." *Church History, Part 2: Progress in the 4th and 5th Centuries.* (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 the most—*prayer support.*

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

***The Heidelberg Catechism***

*Q & A #29, 30*

**Minister:** Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "Savior"?

**All:** Because He saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.

**Minister:** Do those who look for their salvation and security in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only Savior Jesus?

**All:** No. Although they boast of being His, by their deeds they deny the only Savior and Deliverer, Jesus. Either Jesus is not a perfect Savior, or those who in true faith accept this Savior have in Him all they need for their salvation.

*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.*

**\*The Doxology**

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.

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](http://www.persecution.com)

### Scripture Reading

**I Corinthians 14**  
*(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 960)*

**\*Hymn, “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”**

**No. 508**

### Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman*

### 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, “Fatal Optimism”**

**Mr. Alexander S. Brown**

**Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration, Part 40**

**Text: Jeremiah 29:15-32**

**Notes:**

ESV Pew Bible,  
pg. 656

**\*Hymn of Response, “And Can It Be, That I Should Gain”**

**No. 455**

**\*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

### Ephesians 2 (selected)

“You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked. . .  
But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which  
He loved us. . . made us alive together with Christ—  
by grace you have been saved.”

**\*Hymn of Assurance, “Amazing Grace!”**

**No. 460**

### Scripture Reading

**Joshua 7**

*(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 182)*

### Intercessory Prayer

## Sermon, “*Things are not as they seem.*”

**Mr. Alexander S. Brown**

***I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land, Part 8***

**Text: I Peter 2:2-10**

**Notes:**

ESV Pew Bible,  
pg. 1014

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

**No. 342**

**\*Benediction**



**Psalm 103:11-14**

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.”

**GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of March 18, 2012.** For a complete list please see the latest issue of the *GIPC Connection* newsletter, available in the foyer or online ([gipc-pca.org](http://gipc-pca.org)).

**Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week**

**African Bible Colleges (Jack & Nell Chinchén)**

*Updates are available in the church foyer wall display.  
Learn more about this ministry: [africanbiblecolleges.net](http://africanbiblecolleges.net)*

**The Lord’s Day Evening Worship**

**March 18, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.**

Gather in silent meditation:

“Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!”

- Psalm 143:10a

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 146:5,6**

“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.”

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Hymn of Adoration, “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”**

**No. 57**

*Based on  
Psalm 146*

*\*those who are  
able, please stand*