

New Members/Inquirer's Class

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

Welcome to Golden Isles Presbyterian Church!

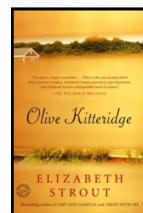
Golden Isles is a church that is resolved, as the Apostle Paul said, to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. What we mean by that is that we are a community seeking to discover more of just how amazing the love of God is, as we see it in the Gospel. We long to be a congregation of people 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.

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.**

**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 25, 2012 - 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

"You Are the Light"
(arr. Lee Dengler; based on Matthew 5:14,16)

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

We welcome the
Youth Choir from
Independent
Presbyterian Church,
Savannah, GA to our
service this morning.

"Lord, Speak to Me"
(arr. Hal H. Hopson; text by Frances R. Havergal)
Lord, speak to me, that I may speak,
That I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek,
So let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.
O lead me, Lord, that I may lead,
That I may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed,
That I may feed Thy hung'ring ones with manna sweet.
O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach,
The hidden depths of many a heart.
O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er-flow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.
O use me, Lord, use even me,
Use even me, just as Thou wilt, and when and where.
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share. Amen.

*Call to Worship

"The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all,
and His mercy is over all that He has made."

Youth Choir
Kathryn Van Eck, Director

Youth Choir

Psalm 145:8,9

· THIS WEEK ·

Tuesday, March 27	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 28	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)
Sunday, April 1 "Palm Sunday"	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— Church History, Pt. 2: The Blossoming of the Church. 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper— <i>I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land.</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration.

· 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 25	April 1
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Sharon Bolin	(see sign-up board)
Ushers (10:15-11:40 a.m.)		"
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	
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room— during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Sara Brown	Betty Young-Smith
Hospice Meal: 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.)		

Sunday, April 8th

Easter Lunch at the Brown's House*

The Brown family would like to invite everyone to their house for Easter Lunch on Sunday, April 8th, following the morning service. The main course will be provided; please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert to share. (Bring folding chairs if you have them.) Please contact Sara Brown if you have questions.

· 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

This week we begin a new study: “The Blossoming of the Church: A look at the progress of the Church in the 4th and 5th centuries” (*Church History, Part 2*). 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 March 20, 2012:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income:	\$43,650	\$47,800	(\$4,150)
Expense:	\$39,230	\$41,858	(\$2,628)
Difference:	\$ 4,420	\$ 5,942	(\$1,522)

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 March 18th: \$7,094 or 19%

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

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

***Hymn, “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

No. 38

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

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A #31, 32

Minister: Why is the Son of God called “Christ,” meaning “Anointed”?

All: Because He has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief Prophet and Teacher— who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only High Priest— who has set us free by the one sacrifice of His body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal King— who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom He has won for us.

Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in His anointing.
I am anointed to confess His name, to present myself to Him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

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

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.

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 15

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 961)

***Hymn, "All to Jesus I Surrender"**

No. 562

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain

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.

Youth Choir:

"The Narrow Way"

(K. Lee Scott)

*Be near me, Lord, where e'er I go;
Teach me what You would have me do;
Direct what e'er I think or say;
And lead me in the narrow way.*

*Prevent me, lest I harbor pride,
Lest I in my own strength confide;
Show me my weakness, let me see
I have my pow'r, my all in Thee.*

*Assist and teach me how to pray;
Incline my nature to obey;
What You abhor, oh let me flee,
And only love what pleases Thee.*

Sermon, "The Promise of Restoration"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration, Part 41

Text: Jeremiah 30

Notes:

*ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 657*

*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:
persecution.com*

***Hymn of Response, "Join All the Glorious Names"**

No. 301

***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

Micah 7:18, 19

“Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance. . . He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “To God My Earnest Voice I Raise” No. 608**

Scripture Reading

Joshua 8

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 183)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “Seek the welfare of the city.”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land, Part 9

Text: I Peter 2:11-12

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 1014

***Hymn of Response, “Like a River Glorious”**

No. 699

***Benediction**

All are invited to remain after the service for a Light Lunch.

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

March 25, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

*“Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son,
whom He appointed the heir of all things.”*

- Hebrews 1:1,2

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*“Oh give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever!”*

Psalm 107:1

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

No. 302

Psalm 103:15-18



“As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.”

GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of March 25, 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

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (MTW Japan)

Prayer letters are available in the foyer wall display.