

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

Church Staff

Senior Minister
TE Alexander S. Brown
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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 series: "An Overview of Church History: Christ to Constantine." Led by Mr. Alexander Brown.

Mid-week Congregational Prayer Meeting—Praying with the Psalms

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. at GIPC.

Tim Keller, Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (New York City) gives three reasons why we should root our prayer lives in the Psalms:

1. The Psalms teach us to pray through imitation and response.
2. The Psalms take us deep into our own hearts.
3. The Psalms force us to deal with God as He is.

Our aim is to learn from the Psalms how we should pray, and then following that we turn to a time of dedicated corporate prayer.

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. (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 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 gifts should be designated for "Faith Promise."

- **2011 Commitments: \$30,980—what we are trusting God to provide.**
- **Received through March 20th: \$7,423 or 24%**

Missionary Newsletters are available in the church foyer.



General Fund Financial Update—YTD through February 28, 2011

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	\$ 26,007	\$ 26,150
Expense:	\$ 27,856	\$ 26,579

The Lord's Day

March 27, 2011

**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 27, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Youth Choir

"Earth and All Stars!"
(David Johnson; Text, Herbert Brokering)

"You shall Go Out with Joy"
(David Edmonds; from Isaiah 55)

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
(Paul Lindsley Thomas; Text, John Bowring)

We're glad to have
the Youth Choir
from Independent
Presbyterian Church,
Savannah, GA join us
this morning.

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who worship with us this Lord's Day! If you are visiting, please complete the card inserted in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so we may have a record of your visit.

A Nursery is provided for ages three years and under. Children's Church is available for four and five-year-olds. During the Offertory the teacher will meet them at the back of the sanctuary as they are dismissed to the Kindergarten Room.

Call to Worship

Youth Choir

"A Canon of Praise"
(W. A. Mozart; Text from Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to God, all ye lands.
Serve with gladness;
Draw near to God with a joyful heart.
Come before God's presence with singing;
Into His gates with thanksgiving,
His courts with praise.

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

***Hymn of Adoration, "Holy, Holy, Holy!"**

No. 100
NICA EA

***Prayer of Invocation**

GIPC SCHEDULE for the week of March 27, 2011:

Tuesday, March 29	7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study for Women (<i>Brown home—see note, pg. 10</i>)
Wednesday, March 30	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting— <i>"Praying with the Psalms"</i> (pg. 12)
Sunday, April 3	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>"Overview of Church History"</i> 10:15 a.m. Prayer for the Worship Service (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper— <i>Mark series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Jonah series</i>

VOLUNTEERS for the week of:

✓ <i>The sign-up board is located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	March 27	April 3
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Sug Gathright	
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Nick Chilton	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Connie Reed	Look for the April Calendar!
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship, 6:55-8:00 p.m.)	Sara Brown	
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Renee Shepherd	
Prayer for the Worship Service: 10:15 a.m. in the Prayer Room (located at the end of the north hallway)		
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. (<i>If you have questions, please contact Betty Harrell.</i>)		

~ Women In the Church (WIC) ~



College Kids Care Packs

The GIPC congregation is planning to send a special gift packet to encourage our college students and is collecting money for that purpose. In addition to the gift, a letter will be included from the minister, Alexander Brown. If you are a grandparent of a college student and would like to include them, please provide the student's name and address to the project coordinators: India Huddleston or Mary Ellyn McDevitt. Currently there are 10 students on the list. **You may mail your gift check to the church, drop it in the blue-striped shoebox in the foyer, or place it in the offering plate.** Please make checks payable to GIPC and designate for "college kids"; if cash, please put it in an envelope labeled "college kids."

Bible Study for Women: "Paul's Letters to Maturing Churches"

—each Tuesday (except the first), 6:30 p.m.

Studies in Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1st & 2nd Thessalonians; led by Sara Brown. Study guides are available for \$12 each. Location: Brown home. *If you have questions about the study, or need assistance with transportation, please contact Sara. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 29th (Lesson 7).***

"Beyond the Pages" ~ GIPC Ladies Book Club —First Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5th at the home of Sue Taylor. The April selection is "Outcasts United," by Warren St. John.

"Meet the Fugees, a Clarkston, Georgia soccer team made up of refugee boys from such war-torn nations as Sudan, Kosovo, and Iraq. In a rich and touching narrative New York Times reporter Warren St. John relates the boys' stories. The book is also a striking portrait of a uniquely American place: Clarkston, a once-traditional Southern town turned 21st-century immigrant haven." (Sports Illustrated)

The May book of the month selection is "The Help," by Kathryn Stockett

WIC Leadership Team

The WIC Leadership Team meets once a month on the 4th Thursday. If you would like to attend the meeting to share your suggestions/ideas please contact any member of the team: Sharon Bolin, Sara Brown, Diane Chilton, India Huddleston, Connie Reed, or Renee Shepherd.

Missed a Sunday?

Sermons, weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters are available on the church Resources page at: www.gipc-pca.org

*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 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.

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

No. 731
OLD HUNDRETH

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.

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

Scripture Reading

Genesis 42
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 35)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:5,6

“He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

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

No. 247
PASSION CHORALE

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan

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.

“I Will Arise”

(Tune: RESTORATION; Arr. John Jost)

Youth Choir; Soloist, Rev. Timothy Foster

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow’r.

*I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance, ev’ry grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise...

Come, ye weary heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all.

I will arise...

Sermon, “From Death to Life”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Part 6 of the series, “*Boundless Compassion: The Book of Jonah*”

Text: Jonah 3:6-10

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 775

*Hymn of Response, “In Christ Alone (My Hope is Found)”

In Christ alone—my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone—who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
‘Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
‘til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand!

*Benediction

(Words and
Music by
Keith Getty
and Stuart
Townend.)

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.

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

I John 4:9

“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”**

No. 264
NEAR THE CROSS

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 4
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 82)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “What does it mean?”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 38

Text: Mark 9:9-13

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 844

We read through whole books of the Bible so that we see the whole sweep of Redemptive History as it unfolds throughout Scripture.

***Hymn of Response, “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”**

No. 172
ALL SAINTS OLD

***Benediction**

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All are invited to remain after the service for a light lunch.

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir from Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, GA, under the direction of Kathryn Van Eck, is in its fifth year. The choir has grown from 8 choristers its first year to 25 and consists of Jr. High through High School age students. Each Spring the choir takes a weekend trip, spending Saturday on recreation and worshipping and participating in worship at another PCA church on Sunday. The choir sings once a month or more at IPC and also joins the Adult Choir on occasion.

Because of Rev. Alex Brown's past internship at Independent Pres., the Youth Choir is particularly thrilled to be a part of worship at Golden Isles.

A light lunch will be provided immediately following the service; all are invited to stay for this time of fellowship with the choir members.

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"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."
(Psalm 121:1-2)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of March 27, 2011.
For a complete list please see the March issue of the *GIPC Connection*.

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

March 27, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"Let us test and examine our ways,
and return to the LORD!"

—Lamentations 3:40

"The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

—Psalm 103:8

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 103:20-22

"Bless the LORD, O you His angels, You mighty ones who do His word,
obeying the voice of His word! Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His
ministers, who do His will! Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places
of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, "*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*"

No. 342
REGENT SQUARE

*those who are able,
please stand