



### Psalm 103:5-7

“Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.”

**GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of March 4, 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)).



### Looking Ahead—

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. *Please look for a ‘fellowship lunch’ sign-up sheet available next weekend.*

### 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](mailto: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 and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

March 4, 2012 - 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

"The blood of Jesus. . .cleanses us from all sin."  
- I John 1:7b

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Interlude

### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 72:18, 19

"Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.  
Blessed be His glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with His glory!  
Amen and Amen!"

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \*Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign"

No. 441

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

## • THIS WEEK •

<b>Tuesday, March 6</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 7</b>	<i>(The Tuesday/Wednesday Ladies Bible Studies will not meet this week.)</i> <b>9:30 a.m. Book Group for Women</b> — Open to all women who love to read and discuss books! Meet at Sue Taylor's home on Wednesday morning to discuss the March selection, <i>Miracle in the Mountains</i> . Note—this is a schedule change for March only. <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>Saturday, March 10</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. "Second Saturday" Men's Breakfast and Bible Study</b> — All men are invited to meet at the Brown home for food, fellowship, and a continuing study of what it means to be a "man of God." Led by Mr. Brown.
<b>Sunday, March 11</b>	<i>Daylight Savings Time—clocks 'spring' forward.</i> <b>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</b> — <i>Two Ways to Live: Know and Share the Gospel.</i> <b>10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</b> — <i>I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land</i> <b>6:00 p.m. Evening Worship</b> — <i>Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration.</i>

## • SERVING TOGETHER\* •

<i>*Sign-up sheets are located at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	<b>March 4</b>	<b>March 11</b>
<b>Greeters</b> (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)		
<b>Ushers</b> (10:15-11:40 a.m.)	Jeff Gaschler	
<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.) <i>(Questions? Contact Nursery Coordinator—Sara Brown, 638-3928)</i>	Sara Brown	Gaschler Family
<b>Children's Church—4-5 yrs.</b> (Kindergarten Room— during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Betty Young-Smith	Connie Reed
<b>Hospice Meal:</b> 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>		

· 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 most—*prayer support*.

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

***The Heidelberg Catechism***

Q & A #26

**Minister:** What do you believe when you say:  
"I believe in God the Father, almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth"?

**All:** That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who out of nothing created heaven and earth  
and everything in them,  
who still upholds and rules them  
by His eternal counsel and providence,  
is my God and Father because of Christ His Son.  
I trust Him so much that I do not doubt  
He will provide whatever I need for body and soul,  
and He will turn to my good  
whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.  
He is able to do this because He is almighty God.  
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

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.

Words and Music  
by Keith Getty and  
Stuart Townend

Additional  
information  
may be found at:  
[www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)

## Scripture Reading

**I Corinthians 12**  
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 959)

### **\*Hymn, “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!

### **Prayer of Confession and Intercession**

*Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Belarus, Turkey, Syria*

### **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, “*Hananiah*”

**Mr. Alexander S. Brown**

***Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration, Part 38***

**Text: Jeremiah 28**

**Notes:**

ESV Pew Bible,  
pg. 655

### **\*Hymn of Response, “*Fairest Lord Jesus*”**

**No. 170**

### **\*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

**Psalm 103:11,12**

“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.”

**\*Hymn of Assurance, “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord” No. 465**

### Scripture Reading

**Joshua 5**  
*(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 180)*

### Intercessory Prayer

## Sermon, “Our Costly Salvation”

**Mr. Alexander S. Brown**

***I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land, Part 6***

**Text: I Peter 1:14-21**

**Notes:**

ESV Pew Bible,  
pg. 1014

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**\*Hymn of Preparation, "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" No. 253** (st. 1,2)

**Invitation to the Sacrament and Fencing of the Table**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Prayer of Humble Access and Consecration**

**The Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**\*Hymn of Response, "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" No. 253** (st. 3-5)

**\*Benediction**

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*This Week's Fighter Verse—see pg. 12*

*It is our custom to hold each element until all have been served, then all partake together.*

## The Lord's Day Evening Worship

**March 4, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.**

*Gather in silent meditation:*

"Fret not yourself because of evildoers;  
be not envious of wrongdoers.  
For they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb."

- Psalm 37:1,2

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 103:1**

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name!"

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Hymn of Adoration, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

**No. 53**

*Based on  
Psalm 103*

*\*those who are  
able, please stand*