

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

Church Staff

Senior Minister
TE Alexander S. Brown
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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 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.

February gifts: \$1,880 Y-T-D: \$4402.62, or 14%

Missionary Newsletters are available in the church foyer. Please use these as resources for prayer.

General Fund Financial Update—YTD through February 28, 2011

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

The Lord's Day

March 6, 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 & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

March 6, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and forever."
(Hebrews 13:8)

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.

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 32:10, 11

"Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"

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

No. 164

*Prayer of Invocation

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

GIPC SCHEDULE for the week of March 6, 2011

Tuesday, March 8	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 9	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting— <i>"Praying with the Psalms"</i> (pg. 12)
Thursday, March 10	5:00 p.m. GIPC Stated Session Meeting
Saturday, March 12	8:30 a.m. CareNet of Coastal Georgia: <i>"Walk for Life"</i> (pg. 10)
Sunday, March 13	 <i>Daylight Savings Time begins— 'Spring Forward' one hour</i> 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— <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 6	March 13
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Betty & Jerry Harrell	Clay & India Huddleston
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Jerry Harrell	Clay Huddleston
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Sara Brown	
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)	Betty Young-Smith	Connie Reed
Prayer for the Worship Service: 10:15 a.m. in the Prayer Room (located at the end of the north hallway)	Dan and Connie Reed	

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.*)

IPC Youth Choir to sing at GIPC on Sunday, March 27th

On Sunday, March 27th the Youth Choir from Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah, GA will provide special music during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at Golden Isles Presbyterian Church. The choir, under the direction of Kathryn VanEck, consists of 25 members, Jr. High through High School age students. **A Fellowship Lunch will be held after the service.**

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

Women In the Church (WIC)

College Kids Care Packages

The Women of GIPC would like to bless and encourage GIPC's college students with a special gift packet and will be collecting money for that purpose during the month of March. There are currently 11 students on the list. (Grandchildren are included! If you are a grandparent of a college student and would like to have them included, please provide the name and address to India Huddleston or Mary Ellyn McDevitt.)

This is a great opportunity to send encouragement from the GIPC Family! Please make checks payable to GIPC and designate for "college kids," then drop in the offering plate; or, if you give 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.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8th (Lesson 4).

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 do not hesitate to contact Sara at 638-3928.

"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)

May book of the month: "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.

Walk For Life

To benefit the CareNet Centers of Coastal Georgia

will be held on Saturday, March 12th
at Howard Coffin Park in Brunswick
(corner of Rte 17 & Gloucester St.)

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk at 9:00 a.m.
Non-walkers are welcome to come out and cheer for Team GIPC!

See bulletin insert for details.

All are invited to gather for lunch afterwards at Fox's Pizza Den
in downtown Brunswick, around 11:00 a.m.

Register to walk or support a walker!

Questions? Contact Dr. Diane Bowen or visit www.OurPartners.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 Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

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.

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

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

Sermon, "The First Converts"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Part 3 of the series, "Boundless Compassion: The Book of Jonah"

Text: Jonah 1:4-16

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 774

Scripture Reading

Genesis 39
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 33)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

I Peter 3:18

"Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God."

***Hymn of Assurance, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

No. 32

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

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

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.

Prayer for Illumination

***Hymn of Response, "O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling"**

No. 444

***Benediction**

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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

Titus 3:4,5

“When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “*Not What My Hands Have Done*”

No. 461

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 1

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 81)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*The Suffering Savior*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 35

Text: Mark 8:31-33

Notes:

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.

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 844

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

***Hymn of Preparation, "Man of Sorrows! What a Name"** No. 246 (st. 1-3)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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, "Man of Sorrows! What a Name"** No. 246 (st. 4-5)

***Benediction**

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"Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; You have made known Your might among the peoples." (Psalm 77:13-14)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of March 6, 2011.
For a complete list please see the March issue of the *GIPC Connection*.

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

March 6, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

*those who are able, please stand

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations."

(Psalm 67:1,2)

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 67:3-4

"Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth."

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "All You That Fear Jehovah's Name"**

No. 9

Psalm 22:23-26, 31