

· THIS WEEK AT GIPC ·

Sunday, May 13 <i>“Mother’s Day”</i>	Serving Today— Greeting: Jerry Harrell Ushering: Clay Huddleston <i>(Sign up to greet or usher at the back of the sanctuary. To volunteer for Nursery/Children’s Church, please contact Sara Brown.)</i> Nursery: Children’s Church:
Tuesday, May 15	6:00-7:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study— “Women of Faith from the Old Testament” <i>(Dr. Diane Bowen’s office)</i>
Wednesday, May 16	9:30-11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study— “Women of Faith from the Old Testament” <i>(GIPC; child care provided.)</i> 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, reservations are not required)
Thursday, May 17	6:30 p.m. B & G Committee Meeting <i>(at GIPC)</i>
Friday, Saturday— May 18 & 19	GIPC Membership Class <i>(see below)</i>
Sunday, May 20	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>Church History, Pt. 2: The Blossoming of the Church.</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land.</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration.</i>

GIPC Membership Class: May 18 & 19, 2012

The GIPC New Members Class is being offered the weekend of May 18th and 19th and is open to all those who are interested in becoming a member of GIPC, or who simply want to know more about what membership entails.

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.

Please notify Alexander Brown or the church office by Sunday, May 13th, if you are planning to attend.

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

May 13, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“Who shall separate us from the love of God?
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?...
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through Him who loved us.”

- Romans 8:35, 37

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1, 2

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name;
make known His deeds among the peoples!
Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
tell of all His wondrous works!”

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

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

• 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.

Current 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 (gipc-pca.org) or in the foyer.*

Children's Ministry

GIPC offers a Nursery during the morning and evening worship services for ages 0-3 years. Children's Church is available during the sermon portion of the morning service; children meet in the room adjacent to the Nursery. *Info: see the wall display across from the nursery.*



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

Income—Actual (YTD through 5/6):	\$71,153
Income—Budget (YTD through 5/31):	\$81,500
Variance:	(\$10,347)

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. **This year's missions conference is scheduled for November 9-11, 2012.**

2012 Faith Promise Commitments: \$36,950—what we are trusting God to provide this year.

Faith Promise Receipts YTD through April 30th: \$10,469 or 28%.

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

Sermon, "The Book Burning"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration, Part 47

Text: Jeremiah 36

Notes:

***Hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

No. 101

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

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A #50-52

*"...and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead..." (from The Apostles' Creed)*

Minister: Why the next words: "and is seated at the right hand of God"?

All: Christ ascended to heaven,
there to show that He is head of His church,
and that the Father rules all things through Him.

Minister: How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?

All: First, through His Holy Spirit He pours out His gifts
from heaven upon us His members.

Second, by His power He defends us and keeps us safe
from all enemies.

Minister: How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?

All: In all my distress and persecution
I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as judge
the very One who has already stood trial in my place
before God, and so has removed the whole curse from me.

All His enemies and mine He will condemn to everlasting
punishment but me and all His chosen ones He will take
along with Him into the joy and the glory of heaven.

***Hymn of Response, "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"**

No. 310

***Benediction**

*Originating in the
mid-16th 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.

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 6
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 966)

***Hymn, "Amazing Grace!"**

No. 460

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Indonesia, Brunei, Philippines

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.

***Psalm 42, verses 1-5**

TUNE: ST. AGNES, as in, "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"

As in its thirst a fainting hart
to water brooks doth flee,
so pants my longing soul, O God,
that I may come to Thee.

My soul for God, the living God,
is thirsting, shall I near
before the face of God approach
and in His sight appear?

My tears have unto me been food
both in the night and day,
while unto me continu'ly,
"Where is your God?" they say.

Poured out within me is my soul
when this I think upon:
how often with the eager throng
I rev'rently had gone.

How to the house of God I went
with voice of joy and praise,
yea, with the multitude that kept
the solemn holy days.

O why, my soul, art thou bowed down?
Why so discouraged be?
Hope now in God! I'll praise Him still!
My help, my God is He!

Scripture Reading

Joshua 15
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 190)

Intercessory Prayer

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

Based on Scottish Psalter, 1650

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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

Romans 8:33, 34

“Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”

Sermon, “Christ, Noah and Us”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land, Part 13

Text: I Peter 3:18-22

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 1016

***Hymn of Response, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

No. 277

***Benediction**

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

May 13, 2012 · 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

*“Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;
You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and Your right hand delivers me.”*

- Psalm 138:7

*those who are
able, please stand

GIPC “Fighter Verse” for the week of May 13, 2012:

Proverbs 4:20-23



“My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.”

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 138:2

“I bow down toward Your holy temple
and give thanks to Your name
for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,
for You have exalted above all things
Your name and Your word.”

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, “O God beyond All Praising”**

No. 660