

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

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Adult Sunday School — Welcome to a Reformed Church

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Based on the book by Rev. Daniel R. Hyde. 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 Financial 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 such gifts should be designated for "Faith Promise." *Annual Faith Promise commitments are made during the Missions Conference in November; this year's conference is scheduled for November 11-13, 2011.* Missionary Newsletters are available in the church foyer.

2011 FP Commitments: \$30,980—what we are trusting God to provide.

FP Balance YTD through May 8: \$11,233, or 36%

General Fund Financial Update—YTD through April 30, 2011:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	\$ 53,659	\$ 54,850
Expense:	\$ 52,179	\$ 55,326

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 that is 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, and who then take that Good News of that love to the world around us.

We are glad that 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. Children will be brought back immediately following the service. 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 15, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

"The world is passing away along with its desires,
but whoever does the will of God abides forever."

(I John 2:17)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Missions—John Garvin

Interlude

*Call to Worship

I Timothy 2:5, 6a

"There is one God,
and there is one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,
who gave Himself as a ransom for all."

*Hymn of Adoration, "Worship Christ, the Risen King!"

No. 286

*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 May 15, 2011:

Tuesday, May 17	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 pg. 10</i>)
Wednesday, May 18	6:00 p.m. B & G Committee Meeting (<i>at GIPC</i>) 7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting —"Praying with the Psalms" (<i>see pg. 12</i>)
Sunday, May 22	9:30 a.m. Sunday School —"Welcome to a Reformed Church" (<i>see pg. 12</i>) 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship — <i>Mark: A Confrontation with Christ</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship — <i>Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration</i>

VOLUNTEERS for the week of:

	May 15	May 22
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Jerry & Betty Harrell	Bob & Mary Dressner
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Jerry Harrell	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)		Renee Shepherd
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship, 5:55-7:00 p.m.)	Connie Reed	Sara Brown
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room— during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Sara Brown	
Prayer for the Worship Service: 10:15-10:30 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 *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, 638-8237.*)

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) ~

Bible Study for Women— “Paul’s Letters to Maturing Churches”

The current Bible Study will conclude with Lesson 12 on Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Led by Sara Brown. Location: Brown home.

WIC Leadership Team

The WIC Leadership Team meets once a month on the 4th Thursday. *The next meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26th at the Huddleston home.* 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.

Congratulations!

Alison Marie Shepherd graduated from Georgia Southern University on Saturday, May 14th with a Bachelor of Science degree, (major in Child and Family Development).

***Confession of Our Faith** (unison)

The Apostles’ Creed

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.

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

***The Gloria Patri**

No. 735

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.

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

Scripture Reading

Genesis 48
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 41)

Prayer of Confession

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.

Assurance of Pardon

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 5:1

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

No. 699

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: North Korea, China, Tibet

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

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.

Sermon, “*The Corruption of Sin*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Part 5 of a series on the book of *Jeremiah*:
“*Judgment and Restoration*”

Text: Jeremiah 2:14-3:5

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 627

*Hymn of Response, “*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*”

No. 520

*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

I John 1:5b-7

“God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

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

No. 461

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 11
(ESV Pew Bible, pgs. 88, 89)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “The Deceitfulness of Riches”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 44

Text: Mark 10:17-31

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 846

***Hymn of Response, “Be Thou My Vision”**

No. 642

***Benediction**

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

May 15, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked,
for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

For the one who sows to his own flesh
will from the flesh reap corruption,
but the one who sows to the Spirit
will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

— Galatians 6:7,8

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

“The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
His understanding is unsearchable.”

Isaiah 40:28b

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

No. 119

*those who are
able, please stand

“Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:30-31)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of May 15, 2011.

For a complete list please see the May issue of the *GIPC Connection*.