

· 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

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." *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 April 30: \$9,517.62, or 31%

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 & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

May 1, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

"Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own— soul, heart, and strength and mind.
I see Thy cross—there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find."

(Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart, stanza 3)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

"O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You;
I will praise Your name,
for You have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure."

*Hymn of Adoration, "The Day of Resurrection!"

*Prayer of Invocation

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

Isaiah 25:1

No. 267

GIPC SCHEDULE for the week of May 1, 2011:

Tuesday, May 3	7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>) 6:00 p.m. Ladies Book Club (<i>Taylor home; see pg. 10</i>)
Wednesday, May 4	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting—"Praying with the Psalms" (<i>see pg. 12</i>)
Thursday, May 5	National Day of Prayer events in Glynn County: 12:00 Noon — Community-wide gathering in front of City Hall on Gloucester Street in Brunswick; 7:00 p.m. — Community-wide service at St. Simons United Methodist Church on Ocean Blvd. 6:30 p.m. World Missions Team Meeting (<i>Sharon Bolin's home</i>)
Saturday, May 7	11:00 a.m. Spring Brunch! (<i>Betty Young-Smith's home; see pg. 10</i>)
Sunday, May 8	Mother's Day <i>CareNet "Coins for Life" (Baby Bottle) campaign begins</i> 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 1	May 8
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)		
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)		
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)		
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship, 5:55-7:00 p.m.)		
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)		
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 <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>)		

✓ Please take a moment to stop by the May sign-up board in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

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”

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

The next Bible Study will be on Tuesday, May 10th, Lessons 10 & 11. Current topic: *Studies in Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1st & 2nd Thessalonians*; led by Sara Brown. Location: Brown home. If you have questions about the study, or need assistance with transportation, please contact Sara.

“Beyond the Pages” ~ GIPC Ladies Book Club

—first Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3rd at the home of Sue Taylor. 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.



Spring Brunch!

Saturday, May 7th, 11:00 a.m.

Betty Young-Smith’s home

(Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer.)

“Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips! Do not let my heart incline to any evil . . . Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.”

(Psalm 141:3-4a; 147:5)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of May 1, 2011.

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

***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.

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.

(Words and Music by Stuart Townend)

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

Scripture Reading

Genesis 46
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 39)

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, “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss: the Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross— my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life: I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything— no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia

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 Message”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Part 3 of a series on the book of *Jeremiah*:
“Judgment and Restoration”

Text: Jeremiah 1:9-19

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 627

*Hymn of Response, “Thou Art the Way”

No. 154

John 14:6

*Benediction

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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.

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

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “*God, in the Gospel of His Son*”

No. 141

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 9
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 87)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*Fatal Idols*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 42

Text: Mark 9:42-50

Notes:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Preparation, "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" No. 338** (st. 1-3)

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, "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" No. 338** (st. 4-5)

***Benediction**

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

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

May 1, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

"The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice
glorifies Me;
to one who orders his way rightly
I will show the salvation of God!"

— Psalm 50:23

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 56:12

"I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You. For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life."

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne"**

No. 65

**those who are able, please stand*