

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 20, 2012 · 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him
endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

- Hebrews 1:1b,2

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Missions (Clay Huddleston)

Interlude

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 47:5-7

**Minister: God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Congregation: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**Minister: For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!**

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

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



Women of GIPC Spring Brunch & CareNet Baby Shower

Saturday, May 26th ~ 11:00 a.m.

Betty Young-Smith's home

✓ A sign-up sheet is located at the table
in the back of the sanctuary.

Most needed baby items:

- # 1. Disposable diapers (especially the larger sizes: 3, 4, and 5)
- # 2. Baby wipes
- # 3. Baby toiletries (wash, shampoo, powder)
- # 4. Any other baby items, such as clothing

If you would like to contribute to the shower
but need help with the shopping,
Lisa Remshard will gladly assist you.

· THIS WEEK AT GIPC ·

Sunday, May 20	Serving Today— Greeting: Jerry Harrell Ushering: Jerry Harrell Nursery: Children’s Church: <i>You may sign up to greet or usher at the back of the sanctuary. To volunteer for Nursery/Children’s Church, please contact Sara Brown.</i>
Tuesday, May 22	5:30 p.m. Session/New Member Interviews (at GIPC) 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 23	9:30-11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study— “Women of Faith from the Old Testament” <i>(at 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) <i>Note: This will be our final meeting until the Fall.</i>
Saturday, May 26	11:00 a.m. Women of GIPC Spring Brunch & CareNet Baby Shower (at Betty Young-Smith’s home—see announcement, opposite page)
Sunday, May 27	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— Church History, Pt. 2: The Blossoming of the Church. 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land. 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration.

***Hymn, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

No. 295

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

The Heidelberg Catechism
 Q & A #53

*“I believe in the Holy Spirit...”
 (from The Apostles’ Creed)*

Minister: What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

All: First, He, as well as the Father and the Son,
 is eternal God.
 Second, He has been given to me personally,
 so that, by true faith,
 He makes me share in Christ and all His blessings,
 comforts me, and remains with me forever.

***The Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

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.

Originating in the mid-16th Century, the Heidelberg Catechism is regarded as possibly the most ecumenical and influential of the Reformed Catechisms.

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

II Corinthians 7
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 967)

***Hymn, “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”**

No. 290

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

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

Additional information may be found at: persecution.com

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.

· 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 5/13):	\$74,542
Income—Budget (YTD through 5/31):	\$81,500
Variance:	(\$ 6,958)

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, "Things are not as they seem." Mr. Alexander S. Brown
Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration, Part 48
Text: Jeremiah 37:1-10
Notes:

Sermon, "Following the path of greatest resistance." Mr. Alexander S. Brown
I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land, Part 14
Text: I Peter 4:1-6
Notes:

***Hymn of Response, "Man of Sorrows! What a Name" No. 246**

***Benediction**

***Hymn of Response, Psalm 1**

Tune: ARLINGTON, as in, "This is The Day the Lord has Made"

O greatly bless-ed is the man
who walketh not astray
in counsel of ungodly men,
nor stands in sinners' way,

Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair,
but placeth his delight
upon God's law, and meditates
on His law day and night.

He shall be like a tree that grows
set by the water side,
which in its season yields its fruit,
and green its leaves abide.

And all he does shall
prosper well,
the wicked are not so,
but are like chaff which
by the wind
is driven to and fro.

In judgment therefore shall
not stand
such as ungodly are,
nor in th'assembly of the just
shall wicked men appear.

Because the way of godly men
is to Jehovah known,
whereas the way of wicked men
shall quite be overthrown.

***Benediction**

***Psalm 46**

TUNE: EIN FESTE BURG, as in, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

God is our refuge and our strength,
a present help in our distress.
We will not therefore be afraid
tho' all the earth should be removed;
tho' mountains great be hurled
into the ocean's depths;
tho' seas may roar and foam
and billows shake the shore;
tho' mountains tremble at their power.

A river brings refreshing streams
to cheer the city of our God,
the Most High's holy dwelling place.
God is in her; she won't be moved;
at dawn will God help her.
The heathen rage; realms quake;
He lifts His voice; earth melts.
The LORD of hosts with us!
Our fortress strong is Jacob's God.

O come, see what the LORD has done;
He desolations brought on earth;
on earth He puts an end to wars,
breaks bow and spear, and chariots burns.
Be still! Know I am God.
Exalted o'er all men,
exalted o'er all earth.
The LORD of hosts with us!
Our fortress strong is Jacob's God.

Scripture Reading

Intercessory Prayer

Joshua 16
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 191)

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

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

Isaiah 53:12b

“He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”

GIPC “Fighter Verse” for the week of May 20, 2012:

Proverbs 4:24-27



“Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.”

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The Lord's Day Evening Worship

May 20, 2012 · 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

*“He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised,
and we esteemed Him not.”*

- Isaiah 53:3

**those who are
able, please stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-4

*“Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits.”*

*Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn of Adoration, “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” No. 168**