

· 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 (www.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 15: \$11,413, or 37%

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 22, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

"He determines the number of the stars;
He gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
His understanding is beyond measure."
(Psalm 147:4,5)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Missions—John Garvin

Interlude

*Call to Worship

"Praise the LORD!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting."

*Hymn of Adoration, "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

*Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 147:1

No. 53

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

GIPC SCHEDULE for the week of May 22, 2011:

Tuesday, May 24	7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>)
Wednesday, May 25	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting — <i>"Praying with the Psalms"</i> (see pg. 12) <i>Note: We will conclude the current study this week and resume meeting again in early August.</i>
Thursday, May 26	5:00 p.m. WIC Leadership Team Meeting —(<i>Huddleston home, 5:00 p.m.</i>) 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saint Simons Christian School (Middle School) Awards Assembly (at GIPC)
Friday, May 27	8:00-10:00 a.m. Saint Simons Christian School (Elementary) Awards Assembly (at GIPC)
Sunday, May 29	9:30 a.m. Sunday School — <i>"Welcome to a Reformed Church"</i> (see pg. 12) 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:

<i>Sign up at the board located at the rear of the sanctuary.</i>	May 22	May 29
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Bob & Mary Dressner	Sug Gathright
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Jerry Harrell	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>A</u> M Worship, 10:20-11:40 a.m.)	Renee Shepherd	Connie Reed
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>P</u> M Worship, 5:55-7:00 p.m.)	Sara Brown	
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room— during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)		Renee Shepherd
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. (If you have questions, please contact Betty Harrell.)		

~ Women In the Church (WIC) ~

"The purpose of the Women In the Church is that every woman know Christ personally and be committed to extending His kingdom in her life, home, church, community, and throughout the world."

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.

Missed a Sunday?

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

***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 49
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 42)

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

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:1

*Hymn of Assurance, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 457

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Cuba, Mexico, Columbia

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 Character of Repentance”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Part 6 of a series on the book of *Jeremiah*:

“Judgment and Restoration”

Text: Jeremiah 3:6 - 4:4

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 629

*Hymn of Response, “Amazing Grace!”

No. 460

*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.

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

Micah 7:19b

“You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*”

No. 499

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 12
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 90)

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.

Sermon, “*The True Exile*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 45

Text: Mark 10:32-34

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 846

*Hymn of Response, “*Join All the Glorious Names*”

No. 301

*Benediction

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

May 22, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

“Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of His inheritance?

He does not retain His anger forever,
because He delights in steadfast love.”

(Micah 7:18)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1,2

“Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.”

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, “*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*”

No. 30

—from Psalm 90

*those who are
able, please stand

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8-10)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of May 22, 2011.

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