

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 27, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

- I Corinthians 12:7

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

“Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, ‘You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from You.”

Psalm 16:1,2

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, “Come, Thou Almighty King”

No. 101

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

• THIS WEEK AT GIPC •

Sunday, May 27	Serving Today*— Greeting: Nursery: Dr. Diane Bowen Ushering: Children’s Church: <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>
Sunday, June 3	“New Member Sunday” 9:30 a.m. Sunday School— Church History, Pt. 2: <i>The Blossoming of the Church.</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper— <i>I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land.</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration.</i>



Congratulations to the following 2012 Graduates:

Rachel Cason—Georgia Southern University (M.Ed.)

Daniel Greene—Savannah Technical College (Drafting Technology)

Stephanie Greene—Glynn Academy

Brittainy Westman—Georgia Southern University (B.S.Ed.)

Please continue to pray for the Lord’s guidance and direction in each of their lives.

· 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 McChyne'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 **5/20**): \$81,659
Income—Budget (YTD through **5/31**): \$81,500
Variance: \$ 159

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*.

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

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A #54-56

*"I believe in...the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins..."
(from The Apostles' Creed)*

Minister: What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?

All: I believe that the Son of God, through His Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Minister: What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?

All: First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all His treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it his duty to use his gifts readily and cheerfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

Minister: What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

All: I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in His grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

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.

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 8
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 967)

***Hymn, "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"**

No. 338

Additional
information may
be found at:
persecution.com

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

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

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.*

***Hymn of Response, "All to Jesus I Surrender"**

No. 562

***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

Ephesians 1:7, 8a

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us.”

Hymn, “*It Is Well with My Soul*”

No. 691

Scripture Reading

Joshua 17
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 191)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*The Blessing of Trial*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land, Part 15

Text: I Peter 4:7-19

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 1016

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

No. 642

***Benediction**

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

May 27, 2012 · 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who looks on the Son
and believes in Him should have eternal life,
and I will raise him up on the last day.”

- John 6:40

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

“Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
tell of His salvation from day to day!”

Psalm 96:2

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

No. 302

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able, please stand

GIPC “Fighter Verse” for the week of May 27, 2012:

Proverbs 6:20-21



“My son, keep your father’s commandment, and forsake
not your mother’s teaching. Bind them on your heart
always; tie them around your neck.”

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