

· 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 1: \$10,583, or 34%

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 pulpit floral
arrangement is given
by Sug Gathright
in loving memory
of her Mother.

The Lord's Day Morning Worship

May 8, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

*"The LORD is righteous in all His ways
and kind in all His works.
The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth."*

—Psalm 145:17-18

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 145 (selected)

Minister: I will extol You, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever!

**Congregation: The eyes of all look to You,
and You give them their food in due season.**

Minister: You open Your hand;
You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

*Hymn of Adoration, "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

No. 76

*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 8, 2011:

Tuesday, May 10	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 11	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting—"Praying with the Psalms" (<i>see pg. 12</i>)
Thursday, May 12	5:00 p.m. GIPC Stated Session Meeting (<i>at GIPC</i>) 6:30 p.m. <u>GIPC Fellowship Dinner</u> (<i>at GIPC, see pg. 10</i>)
Sunday, May 15	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 8	May 15
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Betty & Jerry Harrell	
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Jerry Harrell	
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)		

The May sign-up
sheet is up! The board
is located at the back
of the sanctuary.

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.*)

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 next Bible Study will be on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m., Lessons 10 & 11. The study will conclude on May 17th with Lesson 12. Current topic: Studies in Ephesians, Philipians, Colossians, and 1st & 2nd Thessalonians; led by Sara Brown. Location: Brown home.

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.

Fellowship Dinner

*On Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m.
the church family is invited to gather for dinner
at GIPC. GIPC’s elders from the Savannah area
also plan to attend. Come and enjoy a time
of fellowship together in the Lord!*

The church will provide Pizza.

✓ Please sign up in the foyer to bring a salad or dessert.

***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 Doxology**

No. 731

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

Genesis 47
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 40)

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

Titus 3:5

“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”**

No. 86

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Indonesia, Brunei, Philippines

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 Foolishness of Sin”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

**Part 4 of a series on the book of Jeremiah:
“Judgment and Restoration”**

Text: Jeremiah 2:1-13

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 627

***Hymn of Response, “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”**

No. 254

***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

Matthew 11:28-29

“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “How Gentle God’s Commands”**

No. 681

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 10
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 88)

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, “A Perfect Righteousness”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 43

Text: Mark 10:1-16

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 845

***Hymn of Response, “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”**

No. 455

***Benediction**

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

May 8, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

Gather in silent meditation:

“My people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

— Jeremiah 2:13

“ ‘Yet even now’, declares the LORD,
‘return to Me with all your heart...
...rend your hearts and not your garments.’

Return to the LORD, your God.”

— Joel 2:12, 13

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 65:1, 4

“Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion. . . Blessed is the one You choose
and bring near; to dwell in Your courts! We shall be satisfied with the
goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!”

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

No. 98

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? 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. He gives power to the faint,
and to Him who has no might He increases strength.” (Isaiah 40:28-29)



GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of May 8, 2011.

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