

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

<p>Church Staff</p> <p><i>Senior Minister</i> TE Alexander S. Brown</p> <p><i>Administrative Assistant to the Pastor</i> Dorothy Garvin</p>	<p>Elders</p> <p>TE Brannon Bowman (Pastor, Grace Church of the Islands, Savannah)</p> <p>RE Gary McArthur (First Presbyterian Church, Pooler)</p> <p>RE Dan Reed (Golden Isles Presbyterian Church, St. Simons Island)</p> <p>TE Brad Waller (Associate Pastor, Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah) <i>(TE Teaching Elder; RE Ruling Elder)</i></p>
<p>The Session, consisting of all Teaching and Ruling Elders, meets on the third Monday evening of each month.</p>	

Fall Membership Class!

Sunday mornings, from 9:30-9:45 a.m. at GIPC. *(Led by Mr. Alexander Brown)*

Open to all who are interested in becoming a member of Golden Isles Presbyterian Church or those who would like to learn more about our church and our denomination, the *Presbyterian Church in America*. Current members are encouraged to attend as a refresher course. The class will cover what it means to be a “member” of the church as we study each of the five Membership Vows. *Class handouts and recordings are available for downloading at www.gipc-pca.org (Resources page).*

Mid-Week Congregational Prayer Meeting—Praying with the Psalms

Wednesday evenings, from 7:00-8:00 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 will turn to a time of dedicated corporate prayer.

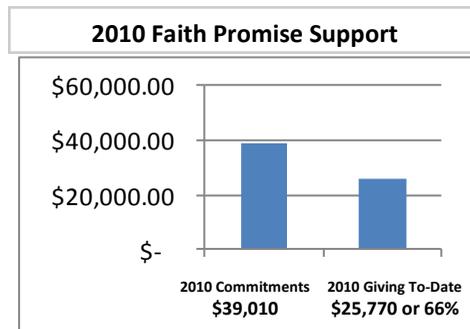
World Missions/Faith Promise Update

GIPC uses the Faith Promise method in order to financially support a number of families involved in U.S. and foreign-based church planting, discipleship, evangelism, and medical missions work. The Faith Promise funds are maintained as a separate account from tithes and offerings (“General Fund”). *Please designate all gifts for “Faith Promise.”*

2011 Commitment Goal: \$43,000

2011 Commitments Received*: \$29,060

***Faith Promise Commitment Cards for 2011 will be collected through the end of November.** Please place them (unsigned) in the offering plate or in Dan Reed’s box in the church copy room. Cards are available on the display tables or in the foyer.



**The Lord’s Day
November 28, 2010**

The First Sunday of Advent

**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

November 28, 2010 • 10:30 a.m.

Kingdoms in Conflict

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

“The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!” (Psalm 99:4,5)

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who worship with us this Lord's Day! If you are visiting, please complete the card inserted in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so we may have a record of your visit.

A Nursery is provided for ages three years and under. Children's Church is available for four and five-year-olds. During the Offertory the teacher will meet them at the back of the sanctuary as they are dismissed to the Kindergarten Room.

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Jeremiah 23:5,6

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which He will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

*Hymn of Adoration, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

No. 194

*Prayer of Invocation

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

▪ This Week ▪

Tuesday, November 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 a.m.—Men's Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>) • 6:00 p.m.—Ladies' Bible Study (<i>Lesson 8—see pg. 10</i>) <i>Meet at the home of Sara Brown.</i>
Wednesday, December 1	• 7:00 p.m.—Mid-Week Prayer Meeting—“ <i>Praying with the Psalms</i> ” (<i>pg. 12</i>)
Thursday, December 2	• 6:30 p.m.—Mission Team Meeting (<i>Huddleston home</i>)
Friday, December 3	Paul Anderson Youth Home Christmas Dinner Theatre (<i>see pg. 10</i>)
Saturday, December 4	• 4:00-7:00 p.m.—“ <i>Hanging of the Greens</i> ” at GIPC (<i>see pg. 10</i>)
Sunday, December 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 a.m. Sunday School—<i>Membership Class</i> • 10:15 a.m. Prayer for the Worship Service (<i>Prayer Room</i>) • 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper—<i>Mark series</i> • 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—<i>Philippians series</i>

▪ Serving Together ▪

	November 28	December 5
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Sug & Jack Gathright	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 5px;"> Look for the December sign-up board at the back of the sanctuary! </div>
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Jerry Harrell	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship)	Connie Reed	
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship)	Dorothy Garvin	
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Sara Brown	
Prayer for the Worship Service: 10:15 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>)		

Women In the Church (WIC)

Bible Study for Women: "Psalms: Songs Along the Way" —Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

An overview of the Psalms, using a study guide by Kathleen Buswell Nielson; led by Sara Brown. If you missed a session or two, the study is such that you may plug in at any time. *Location: Sara Brown's home. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 30th—Lesson 8.*



"Beyond the Pages" ~ GIPC Ladies Book Club —First Tuesday of each month

The next group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7th at the home of Sue Taylor. Be prepared to discuss the third book, "Ruth, A Portrait: The Story of Ruth Bell Graham," by Patricia Cornwell.

WIC Leadership Team

The WIC Leadership Team meets once a month. Suggestions are welcome! Contact any member of the team: Sharon Bolin, Sara Brown, Diane Chilton, Dorothy Garvin, India Huddleston, or Renee Shepherd.

"Field Trip" to the Annual Christmas Dinner Theatre at the Paul Anderson Youth Home in Vidalia, GA

On Friday, December 3rd a group from GIPC will travel to the Paul Anderson Youth Home to attend their annual Christmas Dinner Theatre. This popular event includes a delicious dinner followed by a stage play written and directed by PAYH staff and performed by students of the Home. Tickets for the Friday performance may have sold out—if you are still interested in going please check with Sharon Bolin about availability. Cost: \$25 per person. All proceeds benefit the Home (www.payh.org).

Save the Date—Ladies "Christmas Drop In" and Cookie Swap, at Sara Brown's home—Saturday, December 18th, 2-4 p.m. Watch for details!



"Hanging of the Greens"

Saturday, December 4th

4:00-7:00 p.m. at GIPC

All are invited to meet at the church on Saturday afternoon, December 4th to help hang Christmas wreaths, change out the sanctuary tapestries and decorate for the Advent Season.

Enjoy a pizza supper, homemade Christmas desserts and hot cider. Afterward, everyone will gather around the piano to sing favorite Christmas carols.

*Confession of Our Faith (unison)

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.

*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.

The Apostles' Creed

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

OLD HUNDRETH

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.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 25
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 19)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

II Corinthians 5:21

“For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

No. 164

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan
(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.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon, “Certainty in Uncertainty”

Philippians, Part 4

Text: Philippians 1:19-26

Notes:

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ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 980

***Hymn of Response, “I Know Whom I Have Believed”**

No. 705

***Benediction**

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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

I John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”**

No. 647

Scripture Reading

Acts 24

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 933)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “A Tale of Two Kingdoms”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 22

Text: Mark 6:14-29

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 841

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.

***Hymn of Response, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

No. 196

***Benediction**

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Guest pianist —
Mr. Gene Campbell,
Worship Arts Director
for Memorial
Presbyterian Church
in St. Louis, MO.

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art,
dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to Thy glorious throne!

(Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, stanzas 1 and 4;
Charles Wesley, 1744)

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"And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

(John 17:3)

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week

Rev. Jon Beane, Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) Campus Minister
at Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, GA (www.aasu.ruf.org)
Pick up a copy of the latest newsletter (Fall Update) in the foyer!

The Lord's Day Evening Worship November 28, 2010 • 6:00 p.m.

Christ in You, the Hope of Glory

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2:20a)

"Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8b)

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 18:49,50

"For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to Your name. Great salvation He brings to His king, and shows steadfast love to His anointed, to David and his offspring forever."

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

No. 521

*those who are
able, please stand