

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

**Church Staff**

*Senior Minister*  
TE Alexander S. Brown  
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**Elders**

TE Brannon Bowman (Pastor, Grace Church of the Islands, Savannah)  
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TE Brad Waller (Associate Pastor, Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah)  
*(TE Teaching Elder; RE Ruling Elder)*

The Session, consisting of all Teaching and Ruling Elders, meets on the third Monday evening of each month.

**GIPC Financials Y-T-D through September 30, 2010:**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
Income	\$104,507	\$100,752
Expense	\$107,623	\$105,398
<b>Faith Promise*</b>		
Income	\$21,300	\$24,400
Expense	\$19,900	\$20,500

\*2010 Commitments—\$39,010 Receipts to-date—55%

**Weekly Prayer Meeting—beginning Wednesday, October 20th**

C.H. Spurgeon described prayer as the “engine that drives the church.” Indeed, prayer must undergird everything we do. On Wednesday, October 20th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at GIPC we will begin a weekly congregational prayer meeting. During these meetings we will be going through a study by Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York City entitled, “Praying with the Psalms.” 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—15th Missions Emphasis Week: November 7-14, 2010**

GIPC utilizes the Faith Promise method of giving in order to support a number of families involved in U.S. and foreign-based church-planting, discipleship, evangelism, and medical missions work. Each November at the annual World Missions Emphasis Week members are encouraged to make a commitment (anonymous) to the Lord as to what they will trust Him to provide through them to further His kingdom. The Missions Team uses the information on the cards to plan the support for the following calendar year.

The Faith Promise funds are maintained as a separate account from tithes and offerings (“General Fund”). Please designate all gifts for “Faith Promise.” Newsletters from our supported missionaries are available in the church foyer.

**GIPC Membership Class—Beginning Sunday, October 17, 2010**

Starting on Sunday, October 17th during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School hour we will begin our Fall Membership Class. **This class is open to all!** If you are interested in becoming a member of Golden Isles Presbyterian Church, or if you just want to know more about our church, or if you are already a member and want to be refreshed about who we are, where we came from, and where we are going, then this class is for you! Over the course of seven weeks we will be looking at where GIPC fits in Church history, how our doctrine drives our practices, and what it means to be a “member” of the church. **Please mark it in your calendars now and plan on attending the Fall 2010 GIPC Membership Class!**

**The Lord’s Day**

**October 10, 2010**

**TRUE TO THE BIBLE, THE REFORMED FAITH,  
AND OBEDIENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION.**

## The Lord's Day Morning Worship

October 10, 2010 • 10:30 a.m.

### Worshipping the Lord Who Sanctifies

#### Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

*"I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You. For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life."*

(Psalm 56:12,13)

#### 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.

Prayer Requests may be noted on the Visitor's Card.

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

#### Romans 11:33-36

*"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!  
'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?  
Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?'  
For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen."*

\*those who are able,  
please stand

### ▪ This Week ▪

Monday, October 11	<b>Columbus Day</b> • 1:30 p.m.—Women meet for Prayer ( <i>Evelyn Williams' home</i> )
Tuesday, October 12	• 7:30 a.m.—Men's Breakfast Bible Study ( <i>Doug Harris' Fireside Café</i> ) • 6:00 p.m.—Ladies' Bible Study: "Psalms: Songs Along the Way" ( <i>see page 10</i> )
Sunday, October 17	• 9:30 a.m. Sunday School—Membership Class begins ( <i>see page 12</i> ) • 10:15 a.m. Prayer for the Worship Service ( <i>Prayer Room</i> ) • 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>Gospel of Mark series</i> • 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Ephesians series</i>

### ▪ Schedule of Helpers ▪

→ Sign up at the back of the sanctuary.	October 10	October 17
<b>Greeters</b> (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Sug Gathright	Dan & Connie Reed
<b>Ushers</b> (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Clay Huddleston	
<b>Nursery—0-3 yrs.</b> ( <u>AM</u> Worship)		Sara Brown
<b>Nursery—0-3 yrs.</b> ( <u>PM</u> Worship)		Dorothy Garvin
<b>Children's Church—4-5 yrs.</b> (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Connie Reed	
<b>Prayer for the Worship Service:</b> 10:15 a.m. in the Prayer Room (located at the end of the north hallway)		
<b>Hospice Meal:</b> 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. <b>October 14th—Connie Reed</b> ( <i>If you have questions, please contact Betty: 638-8237</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. All women are welcome to attend! Books are available in the foyer for a suggested donation of \$10. Meet at Cindy Parrish's home.

(\*Each Tuesday except 11/2 and 12/7.)



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

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2nd, at the home of Sue Taylor. Be prepared to discuss the second book, *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana de Rosnay.

### Monday Prayer Time for Women

All women are invited to gather each Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. to pray. Meet at the home of Evelyn Williams.

### WIC Leadership Team

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

### All-Church "Field Trip" to the Annual Christmas Dinner Theatre at the Paul Anderson Youth Home (Open to men and women!)

On Friday, December 3rd a group from GIPC will travel to the Paul Anderson Youth Home in Vidalia, GA 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 sell out early! Cost: \$25 per person. To make reservations please contact Sharon Bolin. All proceeds benefit the Home ([www.payh.org](http://www.payh.org)).



### "Operation Christmas Child"

*"Share the love of Jesus Christ and the joy of Christmas with hurting boys and girls."*

"Operation Christmas Child" is an outreach ministry of Samaritan's Purse. To learn more about this program and to get tips on what to pack in your shoebox\*\*, please see the sample boxes on the display table in the foyer, pick up a brochure...or visit [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org). Questions? See Evelyn Williams, Connie Reed, or Betty Harrell.

Please return packed shoeboxes to GIPC by Sunday, November 7th.

\*\*A local benefactor donated a number of specially designed shoeboxes for our use—feel free to take one!

### \*Hymn of Adoration, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

No. 38

### \*Prayer of Invocation

### \*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<sup>†</sup>.

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<sup>††</sup>,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### \*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.

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

As we recite this  
3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> century  
Christian creed,  
we join our voices  
with centuries of  
Christians who have  
gone before us.

<sup>†</sup>the place of the dead

<sup>††</sup>the universal church

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.

† Hymn Note—  
(Come Thou Fount):  
“Ebenezer” is derived from Even “stone” and Ezer “help,” or, “Stone of Help” (see I Samuel 7:12)  
A reminder of God’s real, holy presence and divine aid.

## Scripture Reading

**Genesis 18:1-33**  
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 12)

## Prayer of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*“If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

**\*Hymn of Assurance, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”<sup>†</sup>**

**No. 457**

## Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

## 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 of Illumination

## Intercessory Prayer

## Sermon, “Tempted”

**Text: James 1:13-18**  
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 1011)

**Notes:**

**Rev. Jonathan Beane**

**\*Hymn of Response, “From Every Stormy Wind That Blows” No. 631 (all stanzas)**

**\*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**

**Romans 6:22, 23**

*“Now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

**\*Hymn of Assurance, “My Hope Is in the Lord”**

**No. 523**

**Scripture Reading**

**Acts 18:1-28**  
*(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 927)*

**Sermon, “Tested to Maturity”**

**Text: James 1:1-12**  
*(ESV Pew Bible pg. 1011)*

**Notes:**

**Rev. Jonathan Beane**

Rev. Jon Beane is the RUF Campus Minister at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah. RUF—Reformed University Fellowship [www.aasu.ruf.org](http://www.aasu.ruf.org)

Sermons preached at GIPC may be accessed online at: [www.gipc-pca.org](http://www.gipc-pca.org)

**\*Hymn of Response, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

**No. 598**

**\*Benediction**

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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.

## The Lord's Day Evening Worship

October 10, 2010 • 6:00 p.m.

*"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial,  
for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life,  
which God has promised to those who love Him."*

(James 1:12)

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### **"I asked the Lord, that I might grow"**

John Newton (1725-1827)

I asked the Lord, that I might grow in faith, and love, and every grace;  
Might more of His salvation know, and seek more earnestly His face.

I hoped that in some favoured hour at once He'd answer my request,  
And by His love's constraining power subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel the hidden evils of my heart;  
And let the angry powers of hell assault my soul in every part.

Yea more, with His own hand He seemed intent to aggravate my woe;  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, blasted my gourds, and laid me low.

"Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried, "Wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death?"

" 'Tis in this way," the Lord replied, "I answer prayer for grace and faith.

" 'These inward trials I employ from self and pride to set thee free;  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy, that thou may'st seek thy all in Me."

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*"Behold, blessed is the one whom God reproves;  
therefore despise not the discipline of the Almighty.  
For He wounds, but He binds up; He shatters, but His hands heal."*

(Job 5:17, 18)

## **Pursue Godliness**

### **Prelude**

*Gather in silent meditation:*

*"This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that  
God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." (I John 1:5)*

*"Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded,  
set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the  
revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to  
the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy,  
you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be  
holy, for I am holy.'" (I Peter 1:13-16)*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (spoken responsively)

**Psalm 105:1-4**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;

**Make known His deeds among the peoples!**

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

**Tell of all His wondrous works!**

Glory in His holy name;

**Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

Seek the Lord and His strength;

**Seek His presence continually!**

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Hymn of Adoration, "Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord"**

**No. 19**

*\*those who are  
able, please stand*