

· 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>	

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

Save the Date! Annual Missions Emphasis Week: November 7-14, 2010

Watch for details!

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.”* **Receipts through September 26th:** \$21,910 or 56% of the yearly commitments. **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 3, 2010**

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

The Lord's Day Morning Worship

October 3, 2010 • 10:30 a.m.

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments." (Psalm 103:15-18)

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.

Special Announcement—Operation Christmas Child (Evelyn Williams)

Interlude

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Psalm 103:19-22

Minister: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,
and His kingdom rules over all.

**All: Bless the LORD, O You His angels,
You mighty ones who do His word,
obeying the voice of His word!**

Minister: Bless the LORD, all His hosts,
His ministers, who do His will!

**All: Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

**those who are able,
please stand*

• THIS WEEK! •

Monday, October 4	• 1:30 p.m.—Women meet for Prayer (Evelyn Williams' home)
Tuesday, October 5	• 7:30 a.m.—Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Location TBA) • 6:00 p.m.—"Beyond the Pages" Book Discussion Group for Women (Sue Taylor's home; details - see pg. 10)
Thursday, October 7	• 7:00 p.m. World Missions Team Meeting (Huddleston home)
Sunday, October 10	• 9:30 a.m. Sunday School—Rev. Beane • 10:15 a.m. Prayer for the Worship Service (Prayer Room) • 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— Guest Minister Rev. Jonathan Beane, RUF Campus Minister at Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah • 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—Rev. Beane

****New!****

Sunday, October 17 from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.—GIPC Membership Class

Wednesday, October 20 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.—Weekly Prayer Meeting

See details on Page 12!

• Serving the Church •

→ Sign up at the back of the sanctuary.	October 3	October 10
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)	Betty & Jerry Harrell	
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)	Jerry Harrell	Clay Huddleston
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (AM Worship)		
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (PM Worship)		
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)		Connie Reed
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. October 14th—Connie Reed (If you have questions, please contact Betty Harrell.)		

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 10/5, 11/2, and 12/7.)



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

For those who signed up, our first meeting will be **Tuesday, October 5th**, at the home of Sue Taylor. Be prepared to discuss the first book, *The School of Essential Ingredients*, by Erica Bauermeister. *If you requested a copy of the next month's book, these will be made available at the meeting.*

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).



"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.samaritanpurse.org. Questions? See Betty Harrell, Connie Reed, or Evelyn Williams. **Return packed shoeboxes to GIPC by Sunday, November 7th.**

*Hymn of Adoration, "God Himself Is With Us"

No. 382

*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[†].

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 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
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

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 17:1-27
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 11)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8,10,11

“But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. . . For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received reconciliation.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”**

No. 310

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, “The Whisper of God”

Rev. Tim Foster

Text: I Kings 19:9-18
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 301)

Notes:

***Hymn of Response, “Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”**

No. 332

***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

Psalm 103:10-12

“[The LORD] does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “O Safe to the Rock That Is Higher Than I” No. 655**

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:1-34
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 926)

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.

Sermon, “God Is For Us”

Text: Romans 8:31-39
(ESV Pew Bible pg. 944)

Notes:

Rev. Tim Foster

Rev. Tim Foster serves as an Associate Pastor at Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, GA.

Sermons preached at GIPC may be accessed online at: www.gipc-pca.org

It is our custom to hold each element until all have been served, then all partake together.

***Hymn of Preparation, "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" No. 469, st. 1-4**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Sacrament and Fencing of the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Humble Access and Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

***Hymn of Response, "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" No. 469, st. 5,6**

***Benediction**

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The Lord's Day Evening Worship

October 3, 2010 • 6:00 p.m.

Worshipping the God Who Works

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land." (Psalm 85:8,9)

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (spoken by the Minister)

Psalm 103:6-11

"The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever."

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul"**

No. 57

**those who are able, please stand*