

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

September 23, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

"You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel!
In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.
To You they cried and were rescued;
in You they trusted and were not put to shame."

- Psalm 22:3-5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts,
the whole earth is full of His glory!"

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

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

Isaiah 6:3

No. 100

• THIS WEEK AT GIPC •

Sunday, September 23	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>"The Gospel in Life"</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Daniel: Faith in the Furnace series</i>
Tuesday, September 25	6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study— "Biblical Womanhood" <i>- meet at Dr. Diane Bowen's office</i>
Wednesday, September 26	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study— "Biblical Womanhood" <i>- meet at GIPC; child care is provided.</i> 6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting— at GIPC <i>Fellowship Supper* at 6:30 p.m., followed by Prayer at 7:00.</i> <i>(*3/person; reservations are not required.)</i>
Sunday, September 30	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>"The Gospel in Life"</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Daniel: Faith in the Furnace series</i>

Ministry Opportunity—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 would like to participate, or simply want to learn more, please contact Betty Harrell.

Officer Nominations for Ruling Elder and Deacon will be received through September 30th. Nomination forms are available in the foyer or church office. Place completed forms (signed by both the nominee and the church member making the nomination) in the box located in the foyer. If you have any questions about the process, please speak with Mr. Brown. Additional information is available in the September issue of the *GIPC Connection*.

Book Group



The Book Group is open to all women who enjoy reading and discussing books! Please note meeting dates and book selections below:

Tuesday, October 9— 6:30 p.m. at Sue Taylor's home

Lesson Before Dying, by Ernest J. Gaines.

Wednesday, November 7— 9:30 a.m. at Sara Brown's home

The Lost Continent: Travels in Small-Town America, by Bill Bryson.

Wednesday, December 5— 9:30 a.m. at Sara Brown's home

An Invisible Thread, by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski.

For more information please contact Sue.

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

Church Staff

Senior Minister
TE Alexander S. Brown
Administrative Assistant
to the Pastor
Dorothy Garvin

Elders

Chaplain (CAPT) T. Brannon Bowman (165th Airlift Wing, GA)
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 Gospel in Life.” Learn how the Gospel is able to transform your life, your community, and the world beyond.

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 (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 9/19):	\$140,008
Income—Budget (YTD through 9/30):	\$153,200
Variance:	(\$ 13,192)

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.** Our Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Gary Waldecker, leader of MTW’s Missional Learning and Development Team.

2012 Faith Promise Commitments: \$36,950—what we are trusting God to provide this year.

Faith Promise Receipts YTD through 8/31: \$18,499 or 50%. (Budget YTD through 8/31: \$23,030)

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 #96-98

The Second Commandment:

“You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: you shall not bow down to them or serve them.”

Minister: What is God’s will for us in the second commandment?

All: That we in no way make any image of God nor worship Him in any other way than He has commanded in His Word.

Minister: May we then not make any image at all?

All: God can not and may not be visibly portrayed in any way. Although creatures may be portrayed, yet God forbids making or having such images if one’s intention is to worship them or to serve God through them.

Minister: But may not images be permitted in the churches as teaching aids for the unlearned?

All: No, we shouldn’t try to be wiser than God. He wants His people instructed by the living preaching of His Word—not by idols that cannot even talk.

***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.

Originating in the mid-16th Century, the Heidelberg Catechism is regarded as possibly the most ecumenical and influential of the Reformed Catechisms.

We read through whole books of the Bible so that we see the whole sweep of Redemptive History as it unfolds throughout Scripture.

Additional information may be found at: persecution.com

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 977)

*Hymn, *“Thou Art the Way”*

No. 154

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: North Korea, China, Tibet

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.

Sermon, *“The Everlasting Kingdom”*

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Daniel: Faith in the Furnace, Part 3

Text: Daniel 1:17-2:49

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 737

*Hymn of Response, *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

No. 441

*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

Romans 8:1

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

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

No. 455

Scripture Reading

Daniel 1:17-2:30
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 737)

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, “*The Covenant-Breaking Covenant-Mediator*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 12

Text: Exodus 4:24-31

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 47

*Hymn of Response, “*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*”

No. 521

*Benediction

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

September 23, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

*those who are
able, please stand

- Gather in silent meditation -

“...the God of heaven will set up a kingdom
that shall never be destroyed,
nor shall the kingdom be left to another people...
and it shall stand forever.”

- Daniel 2:44

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

“The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!”

Psalm 97:1

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

No. 119

GIPC “Fighter Verse” for the week of September 23, 2012:



Isaiah 30:18

“Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you,
and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you.
For the LORD is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for Him.”

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Desiring God Ministries, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN