

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.

GIPC "Fighter Verse" for the week of September 2, 2012:



John 6:35

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to Me shall not hunger,
and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.’”

“Fighter Verses”* are short passages of Scripture selected to equip the believer in the fight of faith. For a complete list please see the latest issue of the *GIPC Connection* newsletter, available in the foyer or online (gipc-pca.org).
*(*Desiring God Ministries, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN)*

**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
& Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**
September 2, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before Him;
strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.”
(Ps. 96:4-6)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 25:1

“O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You;
I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.”

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

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

No. 164

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

• THIS WEEK AT GIPC •

Sunday, September 2	9:30 a.m. Sunday School — “The Gospel in Life” 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper — <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship — <i>Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration series</i>
Wednesday, September 5	Fall Kick Off! GIPC’s Fall Kick Off Dinner and Church Calendar Review Sign up in the foyer! 6 p.m. BBQ Dinner at GIPC — <i>provided by church</i> <i>Please bring a side dish to share; enter a pie in our Pie Bake-off—</i> <i>prizes awarded for best fruit, best cream, and best all-around pie.</i> 6:45 p.m. Church Calendar presentation and Ministry Sign-Ups.
Sunday, September 9	9:30 a.m. Sunday School — “The Gospel in Life” 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship — <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship



· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

Church Staff

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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. *Led by Mr. Brown.*

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 **8/26**): \$127,359
Income—Budget (YTD through **8/31**): \$135,100
Variance: (\$ 7,741)

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.**

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

Faith Promise Receipts YTD through August 26th: \$18,499 or 50%.

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 #88-91

(Part III, Man’s Gratitude)

Minister: What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

All: Two things:
the dying-away of the old self,
and the coming-to-life of the new.

Minister: What is the dying-away of the old self?

All: It is to be genuinely sorry for sin,
to hate it more and more,
and to run away from it.

Minister: What is the coming-to-life of the new self?

All: It is wholehearted joy in God through Christ
and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to.

Minister: What do we do that is good?

All: Only that which arises out of true faith,
conforms to God’s law,
and is done for His glory;
and not that which is based on what we think is right
or on established human tradition.

***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.

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.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 976)

***Hymn, "Rejoice the Lord is King"**

No. 310

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Maldives, Sri Lanka

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, "Conclusion"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration, Part 61

Text: Jeremiah 52

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 683

Additional information may be found at: persecution.com

***Hymn of Response, "The Church's One Foundation"**

No. 347

***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.

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 32:5

“I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,’ and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

*Hymn, “God, Be Merciful to Me”

No. 486

(from Psalm 51)

Scripture Reading

Judges 2

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 201)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “The God above all gods.”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Pt. 9

Text: Exodus 4:1-9

Notes:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Preparation, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 252**
(st. 1-2)

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, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 252**
(st. 3-4)

***Benediction**

This Week's Fighter Verse is found on page 12.

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

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

September 2, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

*"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD; I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people... For I will forgive their iniquity and I will remember their sin no more."
(from Jeremiah 31)*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:1,2

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "To God Be the Glory"**

No. 55

**those who are able, please stand*