

### **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 30, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.”

- Psalm 124:8

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Interlude

### \*Call to Worship

“Let all who take refuge in You rejoice;  
let them ever sing for joy,  
and spread Your protection over them,  
that those who love Your name may exult in You.”

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \*Hymn, “Join All the Glorious Names”

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

### Psalm 5:11

### No. 301

## • THIS WEEK AT GIPC •

<b>Sunday, September 30</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</b> — <i>“The Gospel in Life”</i> <b>10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</b> — <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> <b>6:00 p.m. Evening Worship</b> — <i>Daniel: Faith in the Furnace series</i>
<b>Tuesday, October 2</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study</b> — <i>“Biblical Womanhood”</i> <i>- meet at Dr. Diane Bowen’s office</i>
<b>Wednesday, October 3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study</b> — <i>“Biblical Womanhood”</i> <i>- meet at GIPC; child care is provided.</i> <b>6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting</b> — <i>at GIPC</i> <i>Fellowship Supper* at 6:30 p.m., followed by Prayer at 7:00.</i> <i>(*3/person; reservations are not required.)</i>
<b>Thursday, October 4</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting</b> — <i>Garvin home</i>
<b>Sunday, October 7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</b> — <i>“The Gospel in Life”</i> <b>10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper</b> — <i>Guest Minister, CH (CAPT) T. Brannon Bowman</i> <b>6:00 p.m. Evening Worship</b> — <i>CH Bowman</i>
Missed a Sunday? Sermons are available online: <a href="http://gipc-pca.org/sermons">gipc-pca.org/sermons</a>	

## Book Group



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

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

***Lesson Before Dying***, by Ernest J. Gaines. (See book review in the October GIPC Connection newsletter.)

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

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

**Wednesday, December 5th— 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 9/26): \$142,015  
Income—Budget (YTD through 9/30): \$153,200  
Variance: (\$ 11,185)

**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.** 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 9/23: \$19,724 or 53%.**

**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 #99-100

*The Third Commandment:*

*“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”*

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

**All:** That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders.

In a word, it requires that we use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe, so that we may properly confess Him, pray to Him, and praise Him in everything we do and say.

**Minister: Is blasphemy of God’s name by swearing and cursing really such serious sin that God is angry also with those who do not do all they can to help prevent it and forbid it?**

**All:** Yes, indeed. No sin is greater, no sin makes God more angry than blaspheming His name. That is why He commanded the death penalty for it.

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

**\*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.

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

(Words and Music by Stuart Townend)

Additional information may be found at: [persecution.com](http://persecution.com)

## Scripture Reading

**Ephesians 5**  
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 978)

### **\*Hymn, “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;  
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure!  
How great the pain of searing loss: the Father turns His face away  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life: I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything— no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

## Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Cuba, Mexico, Colombia*

## 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 Fiery Furnace”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

*Daniel: Faith in the Furnace, Part 4*

Text: Daniel 3

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,  
pg. 739

### **\*Hymn of Response, “Call Jehovah Your Salvation” (Psalm 91)**

Tune: HYFRYDOL, as in, *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Call Jehovah your salvation, rest beneath th’ Almighty’s shade.  
in His secret habitation dwell, and never be dismayed:  
there no tumult shall alarm you, you shall dread no hidden snare;  
guile nor violence can harm you, in eternal safeguard there.

From the sword at noonday wasting, from the noisome pestilence,  
in the depth of midnight blasting, God shall be your sure defense.  
He shall charge His angel legions watch and ward o’er you to keep;  
though you walk through hostile regions, though in desert wilds you sleep.

Since, with pure and firm affection, you on God have set your love,  
with the wings of His protection, He will shield you from above:  
you shall call on Him in trouble, He will hearken, He will save;  
here for grief reward you double, crown with life beyond the grave.

### **\*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.

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

**I Peter 3:18**

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God.”

### \*Hymn, “*Not All the Blood of Beasts*”

**No. 242**

## Scripture Reading

**Judges 5**

*(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 203)*

## Intercessory Prayer

## Sermon, “*War of the Worlds*”

**Mr. Alexander S. Brown**

*Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 13*

**Text: Exodus 4:27-5:21**

**Notes:**

ESV Pew Bible,  
pg. 47

### \*Hymn of Response, “*Be Thou My Vision*”

**No. 642**

## \*Benediction

## The Lord's Day Evening Worship

September 30, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

\*those who are  
able, please stand

- Gather in silent meditation -

"You will be brought before kings and governors  
for My name's sake.

This will be your opportunity to bear witness...

But not a hair of your head will perish.

By your endurance you will gain your lives."

- from Luke 21

### GIPC "Fighter Verse" for the week of September 30, 2012:



#### Isaiah 40:8

"The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever."

"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](http://gipc-pca.org)). \*Desiring God Ministries, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

#### Psalm 59:17

"O my Strength, I will sing praises to You,  
for You, O God, are my fortress,  
the God who shows me steadfast love."

#### \*Prayer of Invocation

#### \*Hymn of Adoration, "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" No. 165