

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.

"Fighter Verse" for the week of January 6, 2013:



Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Fighter Verses* are published each month in the *GIPC Connection* newsletter, available in the foyer or online: gipc-pca.org/publications.

*A ministry of Desiring God; 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

January 6, 2013 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

"For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

- Ephesians 2:8

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 34:1-3

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Congregation: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad!

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!"

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

No. 167

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

THIS WEEK AT GIPC

Sunday, January 6	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— *New* What is the Reformed Faith? 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— Daniel: Faith in the Furnace series
Tuesday, January 8	6:30 p.m. Women's Book Group— meet at Sue Taylor's home. The January selection is, "Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy," by Carlos Eire. 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting— Currier home
Wednesday, January 9	6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting— GIPC Fellowship Supper, 6:30 p.m.; Prayer at 7:00. <i>Supper—\$3/person; reservations are not required.</i>
Thursday, January 10	6:30 p.m. CE Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 12	8:00 a.m. "Second Saturday" Men's Breakfast and Bible Study— <i>All men are invited to meet at the Brown home.</i>
Sunday, January 13	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— What is the Reformed Faith? 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— Exodus: God, our Savior series 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— Daniel: Faith in the Furnace series

Golden Isles Presbyterian Church Annual State of the Church Dinner Wednesday, January 16, 2013 6:30 p.m. at GIPC

*Presentation of Annual Report:
ministry highlights from 2012
and 2013 plans.*



Bring your favorite homemade chili to share!

(Please sign up in the foyer. All members and friends of the church are welcome!)

· 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.

New study begins this week: *What is the Reformed faith? (Facilitated by Bill Wood.)*
We will return to the *Ten Commandments* study upon completion of GIPC's Officer Training.

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 (2012)

Income—Actual (YTD through 12/31):	\$255,627	Expense—Actual (YTD through 12/31):	\$173,997
Income—Budget (YTD through 12/31):	\$219,000	Expense—Budget (YTD through 12/31):	\$183,115
Variance:	\$ 36,627	Variance:	\$ 9,118

World Missions/Faith Promise

2012 Faith Promise Commitments: \$36,950 Faith Promise Receipts YTD through 12/31/12: \$28,514
2013 Faith Promise Commitments: \$25,900 —*what we are trusting God to provide this year.*
GIPC uses the 'Faith Promise' method of giving in order to financially support a number of individuals/families involved in U.S. and foreign-based mission work. *Because these funds are maintained in a separate account, please designate all such gifts for "Faith Promise."*
Faith Promise commitments are made each year during the month of November. The total amount committed determines the missionary support budget for the following calendar year.
Missionary Newsletters are available in the church foyer. Please use these tools to provide what missionaries often say they need the most—*prayer support.*

***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.

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

***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.

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

Romans 7
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 943)

***Hymn, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

No. 252

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, “The Beasts”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Text: Daniel 7

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 744

***Hymn of Response, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

No. 92

***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

Hebrews 6:19, 20a

“We have this [hope set before us] as a sure and steadfast anchor for the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.”

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

No. 521

Scripture Reading

Judges 16

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 215)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “Lest We Forget”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 24

Text: Exodus 12

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 53

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Preparation, "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" No. 257**
(st. 1-3)

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, "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" No. 257**
(st. 4)

***Benediction**

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

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week

Roger and Dianne Smalling (Mission to the World)

Roger and Dianne have ministered as missionaries for over thirty years in Europe and Latin America. Dr. Smalling is founder and director of Visión R.E.A.L, dedicated to bringing the Reformation to Latin America by establishing leadership training centers throughout the region. Dianne ministers to the wives of leaders to encourage their unique gifts. Roger is also a lecturer with Miami International Seminary (MINTS), which shares this vision.

Roger has authored numerous books including *Unlocking the Doctrines of Grace*, and *Si, Jesús: Una Introducción a las Doctrinas de la Gracia*. All titles are available as e-books.

Learn more by visiting: www.smallings.com

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

January 6, 2013 • 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

*"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"*

*The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress."*

- Psalm 46:10, 11

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship Psalm 150:1,2**

*"Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens!
Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "God Himself is With Us" No. 382**

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

**those who are able, please stand*