

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 May 12, 2013:

Proverbs 31:30

“Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.”

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

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**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

May 12, 2013 • 10:30 a.m.

“Mother’s Day”

- Gather in silent meditation -

“God is spirit, and those who worship Him
must worship in spirit and truth.”

- John 4:23

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

“Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!”

Psalm 103:1

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

No. 295

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

· THIS WEEK AT GIPC ·

Sunday, May 12 <i>“Mother’s Day”</i>	CareNet “Change-for-Life” campaign begins. <i>Pick up an empty baby bottle at the back of the sanctuary. Over the next few weeks fill it with loose change and return it to GIPC on Father’s Day (June 16th). All proceeds are tax deductible and will benefit our local Care Net Centers.</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>The Hole in Our Holiness</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series (Ordination & Installation of Church Officers)</i> Children’s Church teacher (May 12th)— <i>Sara Brown</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Ezra (conclusion)</i>
Wednesday, May 15	6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting— <i>at GIPC Church Supper* at 6:30 p.m., followed by Prayer at 7:00. (*3/person; reservations are not required.)</i>
Thursday, May 16	6:30 p.m. B & G Committee
Saturday, May 18	9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. GIPC Work Day
Sunday, May 19	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>The Hole in Our Holiness</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> Children’s Church teacher (May 19th)— <i>Diane Chilton</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>New series: The Gospel of John.</i>

CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, May 18, 2013

9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Jobs include but are not limited to clearing, cleaning, organizing the classroom behind the kitchen, cleaning windows and glass doors, prepping walls in the kitchen/dining area for painting, clearing gutters and downspouts as needed, de-cluttering and organizing large storage closets, replacing light bulbs as needed. If you have questions or would like more information, please speak with Nick Chilton.

· **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>Chaplain (CAPT) T. Brannon Bowman (165th Airlift Wing, GA)</p> <p>RE Dan Reed (Golden Isles Presbyterian Church, St. Simons Island)</p> <p>TE Brad Waller (Associate Pastor, Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah)</p> <p><i>(TE Teaching Elder; RE Ruling Elder)</i></p>
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Adult Sunday School— Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
Our current study is “The Hole in Our Holiness,” based on the book by Kevin DeYoung (Senior Pastor, University Reformed Church, East Lansing, MI).

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.*

 **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 5/7):	\$ 75,341
Income—Budget (YTD through 5/31):	\$ 92,500
Variance:	(\$ 17,159)

Hospice Ministry— 2nd Thursday
GIPC provides a meal (for 4) to *Hospice of the Golden Isles* on the 2nd Thursday of each month. A volunteer from Hospice delivers the meal to a family whose loved one is being cared for. If you would like to help, please contact Betty Harrell.

World Missions/Faith Promise
Faith Promise Commitments: \$25,900 —*what we are trusting God to provide this year to support GIPC's missionaries.* Faith Promise Receipts (YTD through 4/30): \$ 8,050, or 31% of the goal. *Please designate all gifts for: “Faith Promise.”*

GIPC's 18th Annual World Missions Conference is scheduled for November 1-3, 2013. Dr. John R. Sittema, President and CEO of WorldServe USA and Senior Pastor of Christ Church PCA (Jacksonville, FL) will be our Keynote Speaker. *Please mark these dates on your calendar!*

“Every Christian is a missionary, and every church is a mission outpost.” - The [GIPC Connection](#), April 2012

***Confession of Our Faith (unison)**

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 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.

The Apostles' Creed

*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*

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

Questions to the Officers:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder (or deacon, as the case may be) in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Question to the Congregation:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a ruling elder (or deacon), and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

Charge

CH (CAPT) T. Brannon Bowman
165th Airlift Wing
Georgia ANG

Prayer

Sermon, "After darkness, light."

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Text: Ezra 10

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 396

*Hymn of Response, "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

No. 465

*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

“All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

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

No. 521

Scripture Reading

I Samuel 10
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 232)

Intercessory Prayer

***Hymn, “Now Thank We All Our God”**

No. 98

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:17-39
(ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 861)

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.

*Additional
information
may be found at:
persecution.com*

Sermon, "Listening, Not Gazing"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 40

Text: Exodus 20:4-6

Notes:

***Hymn of Response, "How Great Thou Art"**

No. 44

***Benediction**

- All are invited to remain after the service for light refreshments. -

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

May 12, 2013 • 6:00 p.m.

**those who are
able, please stand*

- Gather in silent meditation -

*"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
and are justified by His grace as a gift,
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."*

- Romans 3:23, 24

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 130:7

*"O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption."*

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "God of Our Fathers"**

No. 710