

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 hope 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 before the Pastoral Prayer. 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 out the information card found in your bulletin. These cards simply help us to know who you are, and how we can best serve you.

“Fighter Verse” for the week of September 22, 2013:

Psalm 18:30-31



“This God— His way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.
For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?”

*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
September 22, 2013 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -
“ . . . This is My blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many
for the forgiveness of sins.”
- Matthew 26:28

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1,2

“It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
and Your faithfulness by night.”

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, “From All That Dwell below the Skies”

No. 7

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

• THIS WEEK AT GIPC •		
Sunday, September 22	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School— <i>Current Study: Who Is the Holy Spirit?</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship— <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship— <i>Gospel of John series</i>
Wednesday, September 25	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study: <i>Galatians</i> — <i>at the Brown home — each Wednesday except the first</i>
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Prayer Meeting— <i>at GIPC. A light supper is served at 6:30 p.m. (\$3/person) followed by a time of prayer at 7:00.</i>
Sunday, September 29	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School— <i>Who Is the Holy Spirit? (conclusion)</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship— <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship— <i>Gospel of John series</i>

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·		
Church Staff Rev. Alexander S. Brown, <i>Senior Minister</i> Dorothy Garvin, <i>Administrative Assistant to the Pastor</i>	Elders Clay Huddleston Dan Reed	Deacons Bill Wood Jerry Harrell (<i>Emeritus</i>)

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Current Study: *Who is the Holy Spirit?* —a series by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson.
Beginning Sunday, October 6th: “Medieval Christianity” — continuing a look at the history of Christianity.

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.*



General Fund Financial Update

Income—Actual (YTD through 9/9):	\$150,156
Income—Budget (YTD through 9/30):	\$159,500
Variance:	(\$ 9,344)

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.

The men of GIPC gather monthly for a Breakfast Bible Study on the 2nd Saturday (Sept.-June), and meet twice a year for a time of fellowship. The Saturday study is based on R. Kent Hughes' *Disciplines of a Godly Man*.
Contact: Clay Huddleston

Morning Bible Study— Galatians: All women are invited to meet on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of each month for Bible Study and fellowship, 9:30 a.m. at Sara Brown's home. *Contact: Sara Brown*

Evening Bible Study— The Screwtape Letters: WIC also offers an evening study at Dr. Diane Bowen's office (6:00 p.m.), meeting every other Monday evening. *Next meeting: September 30th.*

The *Book Group*, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month (Oct.-May) is open to all women who enjoy reading and discussing books. On October 2nd the group will meet at Sara Brown's home, 9:30 a.m., to review *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*, by Jung Chang. *Contact: Sharon Bolin*

Faith Promise Commitments for World Missions: \$25,900 —*what we are trusting God to provide this year.*
Faith Promise Receipts (YTD through **8/31**): \$16,817 (65%) *Please designate all gifts for “Faith Promise.”*
This year’s Missions Conference is scheduled for November 1-3, 2013.

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 universal church

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

Scottish Psalter
(1650)

Additional
information
may be found at:
persecution.com

Scripture Reading

Luke 13
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 872)

*Psalm 121

Tune: DUNDEE as in, “Oh God, We Praise Thee and Confess”

I to the hills will lift mine eyes,
From whence doth come mine aid.
My safety cometh from the Lord,
Who heav’n and earth hath made.

Thy foot He’ll not let slide, nor will
He slumber that thee keeps.
Behold, He that keeps Is-ra-el,
He slumbers not, nor sleeps.

The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade
On thy right hand doth stay:
The moon by night thee shall not smite,
Nor yet the sun by day.

The Lord shall keep thy soul; He shall
Preserve thee from all ill.
Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.

*Children ages four and five are dismissed for Children’s Church.
The teacher will meet them at the back of the sanctuary.*

Pastoral Prayer

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia

Offering

Sermon, “The Feeding of the Five Thousand” Mr. Alexander S. Brown
The Gospel of John series, Part 16
Text: John 6:1-15
Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 891

*Hymn of Response, “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

No. 257

*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

II Timothy 1:9

God. . . saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.”

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

No. 455

Scripture Reading

I Samuel 26
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 249)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “The Final Pillar”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 57

Text: Exodus 24:1-11

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 64

Words: Charitie Lees
Bancroft and Vikki
Cook

***Hymn of Response, “Before the Throne of God Above”**

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Him now I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God!

***Benediction**

This week’s Fighter Verse is found on page 12.

World Missions Prayer Focus of the Week:

Rich and Crissy Greete—Mission to the World (MTW)

Rich is a licensed mental health counselor specializing in trauma therapy. He serves missionaries by providing counseling at MTW Re-entry Conferences for missionary families returning from the field. For missionaries on the field he provides counseling at MTW Area Retreats and crisis counseling as needed. Rich has taught on Christian marriage and trained leaders in trauma therapy in Asia, Africa, Central America, and Australia.

The Lord’s Day Evening Worship
September 22, 2013 • 6:00 p.m.

**those who are
able, please stand*

- Gather in silent meditation -
“...He commanded the skies above
and opened the doors of heaven,
and He rained down on them manna to eat
and gave them the grain of heaven.
Man ate of the bread of the angels;
He sent them food in abundance.”
- Psalm 78:23-25

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 75:1

“We give thanks to You, O God; we give thanks,
for Your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.”

***Prayer of Invocation**

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

No. 119