

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

Church Staff

Senior Minister
TE Alexander S. Brown
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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 Ten Commandments.*

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 12/18): \$189,521
Income—Budget (YTD through 12/31): \$213,000
Variance: (\$ 23,479)

World Missions/Faith Promise

GIPC uses the ‘Faith Promise’ method of giving in order to financially support eleven individuals/families involved in U.S. and foreign-based mission work. Please designate all gifts for “Faith Promise” as these funds are maintained separately from tithes and offerings (the “General Fund”).

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. If you did not have an opportunity to turn in a card the committee will continue to receive these through the end of the year.

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

Faith Promise Receipts YTD through 11/30: \$26,689 or 72%.

2013 Faith Promise Commitment Cards to date: \$26,000 toward the goal of \$36,000.

Missionary Newsletters and a Prayer Guide are available in the church foyer. Please use these tools to provide what missionaries often say they need the most—*prayer support.*

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

December 23, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Gather in silent meditation -

*"The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- 1 Corinthians 15:56*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 108:3,4

*"I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to You among the nations.
For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds."*

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

***Hymn, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

No. 208

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



· THIS WEEK AT GIPC ·

Sunday, December 23	<p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>Ten Commandments study</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>A Service of Lessons and Carols</i> <i>Light refreshments will be served.</i></p>
Tuesday, December 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Sunday, December 30	<p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>Ten Commandments study</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>“Resolution” (Titus 2:11-14)</i></p>



“Fighter Verse” plan for the weeks of December 23 & 30, 2012:

Use this time for catching up, review, and planning ahead.

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

Visit “fighterverses.com” to find iPhone and Android apps, Scripture verses set to music, and John Piper’s sermons on the Fighter Verse program. *A ministry of Desiring God; Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN.

***Confession of Our Faith** *(responsive)*

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A #123-125

(The Lord’s Prayer, continued)

Minister: **What does the second request mean?**

All: *Thy kingdom come* means,
 Rule us by Your Word and Spirit in such a way
 that more and more we submit to You.
 Keep Your church strong, and add to it.
 Destroy the devil’s work;
 destroy every force which revolts against You
 and every conspiracy against Your Word.
 Do this until Your kingdom is so complete and perfect
 that in it You are all in all.

Minister: **What does the third request mean?**

All: *Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven* means,
 Help us and all men to reject our own wills
 and to obey Your will without any back talk.
 Your will alone is good.
 Help everyone carry out the work he is called to
 as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

Minister: **What does the fourth request mean?**

All: *Give us this day our daily bread* means,
 Do take care of all our physical needs
 so that we come to know that You are the only source
 of everything good, and that neither our work and worry
 nor Your gifts can do us any good without Your blessing.

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

Sermon, "The Defeat of Pharaoh"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 22

Text: Exodus 10

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 52

***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.

Scripture Reading

Romans 6

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 942)

***Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

No. 201

Additional
information
may be found at:
persecution.com

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Pakistan, India, Bangladesh

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.*

***Hymn of Response, "See, amid the Winter's Snow"**

No. 199 (st. 1-4)

***Benediction**