

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 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 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 15, 2013:

Proverbs 26:20

“For lack of wood the fire goes out,
and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.”

*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 15, 2013 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“Know therefore that the LORD your God is God,
the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love
with those who love Him and keep His commandments,
to a thousand generations.”

- Deuteronomy 7:9

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Missions— Sharon Bolin

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 106:1

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever!”

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, “*This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*”

No. 389

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

· THIS WEEK AT GIPC ·		
Sunday, September 15	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>	
Monday, September 16	6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> — at Dr. Diane Bowen's office (This study meets every other Monday evening.)	
Wednesday, September 18	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: <i>Galatians</i> — at the Brown home (This study meets each Wednesday except the first.) 6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting— at GIPC. A light supper is served at 6:30 p.m. (\$3/person) followed by a time of prayer at 7:00.	
Saturday, September 21	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study: <i>Disciplines of a Godly Man</i> — at the Brown home. Come prepared to review/discuss Chapter 8, Discipline of Prayer.	
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>	

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

Adult Sunday School— Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Current Study: *Who is the Holy Spirit?* —a series by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson.

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

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.

Men’s Ministry

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*.

*Note: The September meeting is scheduled for the third Saturday— September 21; 8:00 a.m. at the Brown home. *Contact: Clay Huddleston*

Women In the Church (WIC)

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 beginning September 16th.

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*

World Missions/Faith Promise

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.

***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 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.

Scottish Psalter
(1650)

Additional
information
may be found at:
persecution.com

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:35-59
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 871)

*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.

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Maldives, Sri Lanka

Offering

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

Sermon, "A Three-fold Witness"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

The Gospel of John series, Part 15

Text: John 5:30-47

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 890

*Hymn of Response, "Thou Art the Way"

No. 154

*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

Psalm 32:5

“I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,’
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

*Hymn, “A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

No. 463

Scripture Reading

I Samuel 25

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 247)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “The Covenant Confirmed”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 56

Text: Exodus 23:20-33

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 64

*Hymn of Response, “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

No. 311

*Benediction

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

September 15, 2013 • 6:00 p.m.

*those who are
able, please stand

- Gather in silent meditation -

“We know that the Son of God has come
and has given us understanding,
so that we may know Him who is true;
and we are in Him who is true,
in His Son Jesus Christ.
He is the true God and eternal life.”

- 1 John 5:20

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 134

Minister: Come, bless the LORD,
all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the LORD!

All: May the LORD bless you from Zion,
He who made heaven and earth!

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, "O Bless Our God with One Accord"

No. 400

From
Psalm 134