

THE LORD'S DAY ~ September 9, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and need strength;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Preparation for Worship Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

"God, have mercy on me, a sinner."
~ Luke 18:13

"Sinclair Ferguson says, 'The spiritual life is lived between two polarities: our sin and God's grace. The discovery of the former brings us to seek the latter; the work of the latter illuminates the depths of the former and causes us to seek yet more grace. Let's face each day and each person we see with humility, as an act of grace, while reminding ourselves that we too desperately need God's grace—every bit as much as those we're offering it to. When we're acutely aware of our own sins, we'll proclaim and exemplify God's 'good news of happiness' (Isaiah 52:7 ESV), not with a spirit of superiority but with the contagious excitement of one hungry person sharing food with another.'" (1)

"God's grace is his active favor bestowing the greatest gift upon those who have deserved the greatest punishment."
~ William Hendrickson

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

A cry room for small children with televised worship is available in the Fellowship Hall during the service.

Invocation

***Call to Worship** Psalm 98:1

***Hymn of Praise & Adoration** "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" (2)

*If you are able, please stand at these times.

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*Confession of Faith

The New City Catechism #35

Leader: *Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?* (3)

People: All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 35:30-36:38

"Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture."
~ I Timothy 4:13

Hymn of Confession

"Jesus, I Come" (Words: T503, vv 1 & 2) (4)

Confession of Sin

Prayer of Ambrose (5)

O Lord, You who are all merciful, take away my sins from me and enkindle within me the fire of Your Holy Spirit. Take away this heart of stone from me and give me a heart of flesh and blood, a heart to love and adore You, a heart which may delight in You, love You, and please You, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-9

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

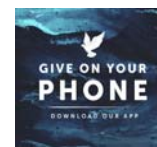
Romans 12:1

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

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Offertory Hymn

"Glorify Thy Name" (C9)

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:164

"Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules."

Sermon

Mark 1:1-13

"Introducing Jesus"



CPC Sermon
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Rev. Kelly Jackson
Reformed University Ministries
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

*Hymn of Response

"Take My Life and Let It Be" (T585)

*Charge and Benediction

II Peter 3:18

*Hymn of Benediction

"The Doxology" (T731)

*Postlude

THIS WEEK September 9-15, 2018

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday •Praise Team rehearsal, 5:15 p.m.
•Dinner Served, 5:30 p.m.
•Kid's Quest, 6:30 p.m.
•Adult & Youth Prayer Time, 6:30 p.m.

Announcements

◆ Nursery Today	Morning Worship ~ Taylor Smith, Angel Elnas
◆ Nursery Next Week	Sunday School ~ Kath Hollo Morning Worship ~ Christina Sabo, Izabella Sabo
◆ Ushers Today:	Burke Denny, Matt Hollo, Bryce Hollo, Drew Hollo
◆ Ushers Next Week:	Jonah Cleveland, Curtis Trexler, Joe Steele, Michael Sabo
◆ Budget Summary:	
Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$ 5,525.00
Tithes/Offerings, September 2, 2018	\$ 10,945.07
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$ 27,271.48
CCS Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 6,826.42
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$ 28,712.17
Mortgage Balance	\$ 160,533.83

COVENANT FAMILY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Jake Welch, September 14th
Julia Delmar, September 14th
Richy Simpson, September 14th
Tom Randles, September 15th

CPC On-Line Prayer Room

View the on-going prayer requests on the church website:
[www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer room](http://www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer-room)



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Session	Diaconate
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	Bryan M. Walker
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	George S. Goehring, Diaconal Assistant

**“Jesus, I Come” (Out of My Bondage)
1887**

**William Sleeper, Words; George Stebbins, Music
Greg Thompson, Music (RUF) version**

*“I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths . . .”
~ Psalm 30:1*

One of the best histories of the gospel song era is George Stebbins' autobiography, *Reminiscences and Gospel Hymn Stories*. Stebbins was born in the mid-1800s in New York and showed early musical prowess. At age twenty-three, he moved to Chicago where he worked in churches and became acquainted with some of the “greats” of gospel music, such as Ira Sankey and Phillip Bliss. In the late 1870s, D. L. Moody got hold of him, sending him into a lifetime of music evangelism.

Stebbins' first impressions of Moody are fascinating. Major Daniel Whittle had invited him to Northfield, Massachusetts, to meet Moody. That Sunday, Moody preached at the village church, asking Stebbins to lead the singing. Stebbins, a bit nervous, sat at the little organ in front of the pulpit.

As he played the organ and led the congregation, he was discomposed by a terrible wheezing noise. He described it as “. . . a discordant sound I kept hearing during the singing, which I at first thought was caused by something wrong with the organ. I determined to ascertain if my suspicions were well founded, so when there was an interval between verses, I listened to see if there might be one of the notes of the organ sounding when it ought to be silent, and found the discords were not from that source. I was not long in doubt, however, for I soon heard the voice of Mr. Moody singing away as heartily as you please, with no more idea of tune or time than a child. I then learned for the first time that he was one of the unfortunates who have no sense of pitch or harmony.”

Stebbins went on to work for years alongside Moody, in the process composing several of our favorite hymn tunes. Included among them are the invitation hymns: “Have Thine Own Way, Lord,” “Jesus Is Tenderly Calling You Home,” “What Will Ye Do with Jesus?” and this one, “Jesus, I Come.”

Stebbins' friend, William Sleeper, a New England home missionary and pastor, wrote the words to “Jesus, I Come.” The two had previously collaborated on the hymn, “Ye Must Be Born Again.” Sleeper developed the words to “Jesus, I Come” and sent them to Stebbins who put them to music. It first appeared in 1887, in *Gospel Hymns, No. 5* with this Bible verse as a subtitle: “Deliver me, O My God” (Psalm 71:4).

*Taken from *“Then Sings My Soul, Book 2”* by Robert J. Morgan.

Greg Thompson, in association with Indelible Grace Music, wrote the music to the version of “Jesus I Come” that we are singing today. Indelible Grace was begun to help the church recover the tradition of putting old hymns to new music for each generation, and to enrich our worship with a huge view of God and His indelible grace. It grew out of ministering to college students, primarily through Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), the campus ministry of the PCA.



Sermon Notes
“Introducing Jesus”
Mark 1:1-13
Rev. Kelly Jackson
Reformed University Ministries
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Sermon Thesis: What does Mark want us to know about Jesus at the beginning of his Gospel?

Introduction

I. Good News

II. Old News

III. Wilderness

Conclusion

Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)
***Building Relationships,
Building the Kingdom,
For Now....and Eternity***

We go and make
mature disciples
of the
Lord Jesus Christ
who glorify
and enjoy God
forever.

glorify God

WORSHIP

love one another

COMMUNITY

serve the world

MISSION