

# EAGER AVENUE GRACE CHURCH

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:21

## Worship Services

### Sunday, January 7, 2024

10 am: "Christ's Testimony of John" | Matthew 11:1-15  
Matthew Series | Lesson 40  
Bill Parker

11 am: "Ministers of Satan"  
Revelation 9:5-12  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## Faithfulness

Faithfulness to the Lord and His truth is a blessed gift of the Holy Spirit by which His people, having been born again unto spiritual and eternal life, persevere in the faith of the Gospel of God's grace in Christ (**Gal. 5:22-23**). Without the grace and power of God to keep us in the faith, we would fail to abide. We would abandon Him and turn back to the world. This faithfulness involves a sinner saved by grace being preserved unto glory so much so that nothing can separate him or her from the love and grace of God in Christ (**Rom. 8:31-39**). It is evidenced by a true believer following Christ and His Word, walking in the light of truth, and running the race of grace "**looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith**" (**Heb. 12:1-2**). It begins with the revealed knowledge and conviction that our security of salvation is in and by Christ in Whom we stand on the solid foundation of His righteousness imputed to us and persevere by His life within us. In short, our faithfulness is based on and empowered by God's faithfulness towards us in Christ – "**It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**" (**Lam. 3:22-23**).

—Pastor Bill Parker

***“... that I may win Christ, And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith OF Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith” (Philippians 3:9).***

Faith is diversely understood in Scripture. Sometimes it means knowledge or belief. It can also mean doctrine or the object of faith. In many cases faith is put for Christ. When Scripture says we are “justified by faith,” that we are “saved by faith,” this means we are justified and saved by Christ, as what is really proper to Christ is in Scripture often attributed to faith as well. The purpose is to show our union with Him in HIS faith, which becomes our saving faith. It is, in other words, the faith (i.e. faithfulness) of Christ, not our own faith, which justifies and saves. This union with Christ is not a product of human faith, but faith is a product of a prior union between Christ and the elect. —Samuel Richardson

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## A True Redeemer

Our Divine Redeemer, Whom God the Father highly exalted in consequence of His completing His work as Redeemer, Who laid down His own life to pay the ransom price, is a Redeemer that recovers and restores all that He paid a ransom price for. The Redeemer that made Himself responsible for both. I wish I had stronger terms. I feel that the best language man can employ falls far short of expressing a theme so sublime. I do not know that I could get a better subject if I were to ask angels or ransomed souls around the throne to give me one. As the apostle Peter was directed to set it down – ***“Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot...” (1 Peter 1:18-19).*** That is the ransom price and our souls rejoice in the fact that this was official. He did not pay down a promiscuous sum, an uncertain amount and all the merit and righteousness left in an uncertainty as to whether anybody would be the better for it but a stipulated price for His covenant people in ancient covenant settlements and predestinating enactments. He knew who He paid for, and He knew what He paid for them. He makes a sovereign demand for the property He has thus purchased.

—Joseph Irons

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## The Chief Subject of Praise

***“Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Sion: and unto Thee shall the vow be performed. O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, Thou shalt purge them away” (Psalm 65:1-3).*** Here we arrive at the chief subject of this praise, which waited for GOD in CHRIST’S church at Zion, namely, redemption by CHRIST’S blood. For what shall purge or wash away iniquities, but the blood of the LAMB? Reader, do not fail to mark the blessedness here expressed, that when iniquities prevail, when sin cries for vengeance, the blood of the LAMB cries for mercy. Oh LORD! Let praise forever wait in Zion for Thee, Thou sin-pardoning GOD, Who hast cast away the sins of Thy redeemed in the depths of the sea! Well may we cry out under the sense of it, ***“Who is a God like unto Thee that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger forever, because He delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, He will have compassion upon us; He will subdue our iniquities; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which Thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old” (Micah 7:18-20).*** —Robert Hawker

## Prayer Requests

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Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Akemi Okada, Sue Parker, Melissa Riggins, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

## Birthdays

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Carolyn Hayes - Jan. 9th  
Amy Hiers - Jan. 12th

## Hymns

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### January 7th services

Christ Receiveth Sinful Men - 199  
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place - 228

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# Call to Worship

(Tune – Doxology)

**My helper God! I bless His Name;  
The same His pow'r, His grace the same;  
The tokens of His friendly care  
Open and crown and close the year.**

**I, 'midst ten thousand dangers stand,  
Supported by His guardian hand;  
And see, when I survey my ways,  
Ten thousand monuments of praise.**

**Thus far His arm hath led me on;  
Thus far I make His mercy known;  
And while I tread this desert land,  
New mercies shall new songs demand.**

**My grateful soul, on Jordan's shore,  
Shall raise one sacred pillar more;  
Then bear, in His bright courts above,  
Inscriptions of immortal love.**