

# 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, November 21, 2021

10 am: "Christ is God's Anointed"  
Christ in the Old Testament  
Lesson 55 | 1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Bill Parker

11 am: "To Preach the Gospel"  
1 Corinthians 1:17  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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To worship the Lord as guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, and to do so in spirit and in truth in the fellowship of God's people is a major concern for us who truly believe the Gospel and who truly love Christ and His people. It is fulfilling the longing of our souls as we desire to glorify, honor, and express our gratitude to God for His free and sovereign grace in saving our souls through the blood and righteousness of Christ. We who are so sinful and unworthy of the least of God's blessings see this as an opportunity to express our love for God, not only in word, but also in deed. We who are hungry for the Word of God come to be fed with His Word so that we may grow in grace and in knowledge of Christ. We who need the fellowship of our brethren in Christ come to be an encouragement to and to be encouraged by our brothers and sisters in Christ. This is another opportunity to show our love for our brethren. We who are to be able witnesses and good stewards of the grace of God come to show our solidarity with brethren in the truth of God's free and sovereign grace and to stand against the unbelieving world. We must not view worship as an option that we can take or leave. We must see our worship services as one of the greatest privileges and blessings that we have while on this earth. —Pastor Bill Parker

## Idolatry

SINCE the true God reveals Himself only in Christ, any system which does not hold Christ central to its worship and teaching is false religion and idolatry. This includes much that passes for Christianity, but which centers on man rather than Christ. Those who elevate men as dignitaries in the church; who make human “priests” or “saints” the intermediaries between man and God; whose prime purpose is to satisfy man's desire for “health, wealth and happiness”; who preach novel experiences rather than Christ; who claim that man's choice, not God's, is the final arbiter of salvation – these alike are guilty of idolatry, for they teach a false idea of God.

—Edgar Andrews

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## Justifying Righteousness at the Hand of Christ

*“That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Rom. 8:4).*

The works of the law, and the righteousness of the law, are synonymous terms. By the former, we are expressly told, no flesh can be justified: nor consequently, by the latter, as performed by us. Why? Because every man is a fallen creature; and to the corruption of his nature, is hourly adding the accumulated iniquity of actual transgressions. Therefore, by such a partial, imperfect, and polluted conformity to the moral law, no person can possibly be accepted unto life. And yet, without justification, man must be lost forever. He must, therefore, either give up all hope of salvation, or seek for a justifying righteousness at the hand of Christ. Now Christ came for this very end, to fulfill all righteousness; not for himself, who was and is the source and center of all holiness; but for us, who had lost our original rectitude (good), and are become the degenerate plants of a strange vine. The Son of God left his glory, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled for us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. This must certainly be the genuine import of the text under consideration, the exact sense of which according to the genius of the original, stands thus: "That the righteousness required by the law might be fulfilled for us," i.e. in our stead, or on our account. What the law was desirous of but through weakness, could not obtain: that did Christ perform for us.

—Augustus Toplady

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## Religion of Joy

The religion of Christ is the religion of JOY. Christ came to take away our sins, to roll off our curse, to unbind our chains, to open our prison house, to cancel our debt; in a word, to give us the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Is not this joy? Where can we find a joy so real, so deep, so pure, so lasting? There is every element of joy; deep, ecstatic, satisfying, sanctifying joy in the gospel of Christ. The believer in Jesus is essentially a happy man. The child of God is, from necessity, a joyful man. His sins are forgiven, his soul is justified, his person is adopted, his trials are blessings, his conflicts are victories, his death is immortality, his future is a heaven of inconceivable, unthought of, untold, and endless blessedness. With such a God, such a Savior, and such a hope, is he not, ought he not, to be a joyful man?

--Octavius Winslow

## Birthdays

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LAURA PANNELL - NOV. 21ST | LEONARD QUALLS - NOV. 22ND

## Hymns

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### November 21st services

I Love to Tell the Story - 431

Pass Me Not - 235

## Prayer Requests

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Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, and the Gospel mission in Malawi, Africa.

## Please note

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Minutes of the business (11/14) are available upon request.

## Call to Worship

(Tune – Doxology)

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness,  
My beauty art my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

This spotless robe the same appears,  
When ruined nature sinks in years,  
No age can change its glorious hue,  
The robe of Christ is ever new.

When from the dust of death I rise  
To join the ransomed in the skies;  
E'en then shall this be all my plea,  
That Christ has lived and died for me.

O, let the dead now hear Thy voice,  
Now bid Thy people to rejoice;  
Our beauty this, our glorious dress,  
JESUS, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.