# 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, April 30, 2023**

10am: "The Confession of Baptism" | Lesson 8 Matthew 3:11-17 Bill Parker

11am: "True Faith & Repentance" Philippians 3:1-11 Bill Parker

#### Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The comfort of a believer's heart lies not in a mere "feeling" that everything will be alright. It lies in the Spirit of God's application of truth to our hearts and minds. It is comfort based on the promises of God Who cannot lie, die, change or fail in any way. Oh, it does produce wonderful feelings. But these feelings are the product of the assurance of faith, faith based upon that which is given us by God's grace through Christ's righteous blood.

— Pastor Gary Shepard

### All is Finished

You know this doctrine I contend for is the doctrine of grace. In the knowledge whereof you find sweetness, because the work of your salvation is finished by Christ, Whose works are all perfect. This delights your hearts and keeps your souls from fainting. This removes all objections that otherwise would discourage us. This is the fountain that cannot be drawn dry that ever flows with sweet and strong consolation and is full of Spirit and life where our souls may drink freely at all times and be refreshed with this marrow and fatness that all is finished.

—Samuel Richardson (Justification by Christ Alone, 1647)

## Farewell to Our Dear Brother

On April 24, 2023, our merciful God was pleased to call one of His dear children, Brother Winston Pannell, home to be with Him. Winston is now resting in the glorious presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As a sinner saved by the free and sovereign grace of God, washed clean from all his sins in the blood of Christ, and justified by the righteousness of Christ imputed to him, Winston is now seeing our Savior face to face. He is now totally free from the corruption and influences of sinful flesh. He is now without pain and without sorrow. He is now where all true children of God will be when the Lord is pleased to call us home to be with Him.

Our heart-felt sympathies and our sincere prayers go out to his wife, Patricia, his children, Andrea, Jennifer, and Amy, along with his whole family as they experience the loss of this dear man. But, as we know, when a believer dies and leaves this world, our loss is truly his gain. And knowing from God's word what our brother is now experiencing, we would not be so selfish as to bring him back to this vile world if we could.

I first met Winston, Patricia, and their family when Debbie and I first moved to Albany and I became pastor of the church here. In the years that we had together, as brothers in Christ, Winston was a true help and encouragement to me as his pastor. He became an elder in our church, and he preached many Christ-honoring Gospel messages to the people here. I do not have the words to express how much we will miss our dear brother in Christ, but I know that we all thank the Lord for the time He gave us to be together as brethren here on earth. I know we look forward to the time we will all spend in eternity as brethren in glory.

—Pastor Bill Parker

"I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all His people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints." (Psalm 116:13-15)

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24)

### Congratulations

We want to congratulate the following high school graduates for 2023: Mary James Fuller, Mason Flynn, Brooks Margeson, Caroline Tennyson, and Emily Tennyson, all graduating from Deerfield-Windsor High School; Michael Lee, graduating from Lee County High School; Reid Jackson, graduating from East Paulding High School. May the Lord bless, keep, and guide you all throughout your lives.

## Lord's Supper

We will serve the Lord's Supper immediately following the messages this Sunday. All believers are invited to partake of this blessed memorial ordinance. We will meet in our dining hall for a fellowship lunch. All are invited to share lunch with us.

#### **Birthdays**

Jimmy Casey - April 30th

#### **Prayer Requests**

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

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#### Hymns

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- -There Is a Founatin 222
- -Amazing Grace 236

## Call to Worship

(Tune – Sun of My Soul – p. 77)

All glory to His precious name, Who bore His people's guilt and shame; Who for them lived, and for them died, The name of Jesus crucified.

> Mercy and justice in Him meet, In Him salvation is complete; The law is fully satisfied, By Jesus Christ the crucified.

Herein we see eternal love,
And gain all blessing from above;
A sight of Jesus crucified,
Exalts free grace, and humbles pride.

Here then my trembling soul shall rest, And hope to be forever blest; Forever saved, and glorified, With Jesus Christ the crucified.