

# 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, December 10, 2023

10 am: "Persecuted For Christ"

Matthew 10:16-25

Matthew Series | Lesson 37

Bill Parker

11 am: Nowhere to Hide but in Christ" | Revelation 8:7-13

Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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*“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.” (Galatians 4:4-6)*

If we could peer into heaven and see that great number of departed and glorified saints, I think we would see Abraham and his nephew Lot, Joshua and Rahab the harlot, Samuel and Samson, the penitent thief and the glorious Apostle Paul, ALL dressed in the very same raiment — that beautiful garment of salvation, the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ which was freely given them (*Isa. 61:10*). After all, nothing less will make a sinner accepted in God's sight and qualified for heaven! What more is there? Can anything be added to the righteousness of Christ? Can anything make a sinner more approved of God? The Lord Jesus Christ is ALL the believer's justifying righteousness (*1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21*). ---Copied

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)*

The spiritual and eternal kingdom of God’s sovereign grace, the salvation, preservation, and prosperity of His people (His chosen subjects), is ALL upon the “shoulder” of the Lord Jesus Christ Who is identified here as a CHILD WHO IS BORN (His perfect, sinless humanity) and a SON WHO IS GIVEN (His infinite and omnipotent deity). The victory and success of the kingdom is not conditioned on the subjects but on “Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, GOD WITH US” (Matt. 1:23). Can anything bring us more peace, comfort, and security than this great truth? Can anything assure us more that CHRIST IS ABLE to save us from our sins and bring forth righteousness whereby God can justify sinners like us? Could we imagine that the Lord Jesus Christ would fail to save even one of His dear sheep for whom He laid down His life? The answer for a regenerate person, a believer, is a resounding, “NO!” Christ is my peace, comfort, and security; for His is the Lord my Righteousness! He came to this earth to fulfill all the conditions and requirements of my whole salvation. If any part of it were conditioned on me, my works or my will, the only assurance that could come from this is the assurance of failure; for my sins are great. But it was announced at His birth that Mary would “bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21), AND HE DID BY THE REDEMPTION HE ACCOMPLISHED IN HIS DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION.

—Pastor Bill Parker

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### **Please Note**

**We will have our Christmas dinner in our dining hall following the morning services this Sunday, December 10. Everyone is invited to eat with us.**

### **Prayer Requests**

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

### **Hymns**

December 10th services  
Joy to the World - 87

## **Call to Worship**

**(Tune – Away in a Manger – p. 86)  
(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)**

**Christ Jesus the Savior came down from above,  
In covenant mercy and infinite love;  
The Lord of creation a servant became,  
To save all His people, O praise His great name.**

**Enthroned in His beauty and all glorious,  
Jehovah our Savior became like to us;  
The Word was made flesh and laid glory aside,  
What grace and affection for His chosen bride.**

**Our Prophet, High Priest and our eternal King,  
Descended from heaven salvation to bring;  
Emmanuel came – the Lord with us on earth,  
Behold a great myst'ry the dear Savior's birth.**

**O what a Redeemer is Jesus our Lord,  
He paid all our sin-debt, to God we're restored;  
Redeemed by His blood, He our ransom has paid,  
And clothed in His beauty His saints are arrayed.**

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**(Tune – O Little Town of Bethlehem – p. 92)  
(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)**

**Sing praises to the Son of God, Who down from heaven came;  
To save His people from their guilt, from misery and shame.  
Down from His heav'nly glory, the Savior came to earth;  
And angels looked with fear and awe upon Messiah's birth.**

**God in the flesh, the Son of Man, our Prophet, Priest and King;  
The Seed of woman came to earth, to save the perishing.  
In love and great compassion, the great Redeemer died;  
He reconciled us to our God, and we are justified.**

**Christ gave Himself, the ransom price, our debt of sin to pay;  
The sword of justice pierced His heart, and guilt was washed away.  
O'er sin and death He triumphed, His greatness let us own;  
The Savior reigns forevermore upon His sovereign throne.**

**Bow down and worship Christ the Lord – His wonders gladly tell;  
The fullness of the Godhead three, in Christ the Savior dwell.  
The only Mediator, on Him our hopes depend;  
He is our Savior, God and King, our Advocate and Friend.**