

# 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 15, 2024

10 am: "The Woes of False Religion" | Matthew 23:13-26  
Matthew Series | Lesson 84  
Bill Parker

11 am: "A Prepared Salvation"  
Luke 2:25-35  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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When Simeon saw Christ, he said, ***“Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word: For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation” (Luke 2:29-30).*** Christ is God’s salvation for His people. To see Him by the revelation of God and with the eyes of God-given faith is to see God’s salvation. To see Christ in the glory of His Person as Emmanuel (God with us), and in the power of His finished work to redeem His people from their sin (His righteousness imputed), is to see God’s salvation. As God’s salvation, Christ revealed the glory of God as both a just God and a Savior. As the Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Life-Giver, Protector, Provider, and Intercessor of His people, Christ reveals His power to save to the uttermost all who come to God by Him (***Matt. 1:21***). He is the one and only salvation for His people, and there is no other. A God-given sight of Christ gives His people the peace of salvation by which we can depart this world with confidence of life eternal. —Pastor Bill Parker

The following is a reprint of an article printed in our bulletin almost ten years ago –

## The Story of Jesus Christ

**WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?** *He is “Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, GOD WITH US” (Matt. 1:23).* He is fully God and fully man without sin, and He is the salvation of His people who were chosen and given to Him by the Father before the foundation of the world – *“thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21).*

**WHY DID HE COME INTO THE WORLD?** He came into the world as the Surety of His people to substitute Himself in their place and pay their debt to God’s law and justice. He came to establish the only righteousness by which God can be just to justify ungodly sinners – *“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” (Isa. 9:7).*

**WHAT DID HE ACCOMPLISH BY HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION?** He secured the complete salvation of all His people for whom He lived, died, was buried, and arose. He died because of their sins imputed to Him; they are saved and live forever because of His righteousness imputed to them. They all shall be saved because of what Christ finished on the cross – *“For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified” (Heb. 10:14).*

**WHERE IS HE NOW?** He is seated in the heavenlies ever living to make intercession for His people and keep them unto final glory until His return – *“Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us” (Rom. 8:33-34).*  
–Pastor Bill Parker

(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.

## Announcements

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The minutes of our annual business meeting held this morning will be available to any member of the church upon request.

We will have our Christmas dinner in our fellowship/dining hall immediately following our worship services today. All are invited to join us.

## Prayer Requests

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Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Mike Loosier, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

## Hymns

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December 15th services

-See hymn above

-O Come, All Ye Faithful - 100

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## Call to Worship

(Tune – It Came Upon a Midnight Clear – p. 90)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**O hear the tidings of great joy of Jesus Christ the King;  
Exalt His Name above all names, and to Him praises sing.  
The prophets set Him forth of old, this Savior promised long;  
Come sing the praises of the Lord with all the ransomed throng.**

**A Child was born, a Son was giv'n, the Lamb of God was He;  
He came to do the Father's will to set the captives free.  
Unto the Savior glory give, Jesus Who came to save;  
He died to put away our sin and rose up from the grave.**

**With Him the Father is well pleased, Christ is our Righteousness;  
In Jesus sinners are received, He is our worthiness.  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing His praise, let ransomed sinners tell,  
That God in human flesh has come, O praise Emmanuel!**