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 8, 2024 10 am: "The Burden of Legalism" Matthew 23:1-12 Matthew Series | Lesson 83 Bill Parker

11 am: "Real Faith" Hebrews 10:38–11:10 Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m. -<u>Sermon Audio</u> -<u>Facebook</u> -<u>YouTube</u>

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"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)

REMINDER

We will hold our annual church business meeting next Sunday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m. in our fellowship hall.

We will also have our Christmas dinner next Sunday, December 15, following our worship services.

God Sent His Son

"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." (Gal. 4:4-5)

"But when the fulness of the time was come," – This was God's appointed time which He determined before the world began. We do not know the exact day of Christ's birth, but God knew.

"God sent forth His Son," – This speaks both of the deity of Christ as the eternal Son of God, the second Person of the Holy Trinity, and of the covenant made within the Godhead (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) to send the Son into the world to save a particular people whom the Father had given Him and made Him their Surety.

"Made of a woman," – This speaks of the sinless humanity of Christ accomplished in His incarnation (made flesh) whereby He was made able to save His people from their sins.

"Made under the law," – This speaks of Christ as the Surety of God's people as their entire sin-debt was imputed to Him so that He, as their Substitute, was made responsible to obey the law unto death and accomplish righteousness for His people, which God has imputed to them.

"To redeem them that were under the law," – This speaks of the success of His work for His people in satisfying God's justice and purchasing His people with His blood (death) and insuring their whole salvation unto glory.

"That we might receive the adoption of sons." – This speaks of the fruit of Christ's work as the Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer of His people (God's elect, Christ's sheep) to insure that they all receive the rights and benefits of children of God which includes their spiritual re-birth and life of faith, repentance, and perseverance through the invincible work of the Holy Spirit – "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." (Gal. 4:6). —Pastor Bill Parker

Sing Praises to the Son of God

(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.

Prayer Requests

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.

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Hymns

<u>December 8th services</u> -Sing Priases to the Son of God -My Faith Looks Up to Thee - 359

Call to Worship

(Tune – Take My Life, and Let it Be – p. 393)

Unto us a child is born; Human nature to adorn; By His merits to atone, For our sins before God's throne. (R)

Unto us a Son is giv'n; Now our Advocate in heav'n; By His perfect righteousness, God is just to save and bless. (R)

Jesus, great Immanuel, He did once with sinners dwell; Glory be to God on high, To God's throne we are brought nigh. (R)

> To the ONE Who came for me, To the ONE Who set me free; Christ our great Immanuel Saved us from eternal hell. (R)