

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 January 10, 2021

10 am: "From Jacob to Israel"
Christ in the Old Testament
Lesson 14 | Genesis 32:24-32
Bill Parker

11 am: "He That Doeth Truth"
John 3:16-21
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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Do Not Pretend

It is the conscious absence of all goodness that leads us to Christ, the fountain of all goodness; and that fountain is open to all who come in this fashion. It is closed against all who come on any other footing. It is the want of light and life that draws us to Christ, the source of both; and both of these are the gifts of God. He who comes as partly righteous is sent away empty. He who comes acknowledging unrighteousness but at the same time trying to neutralize it or to expiate it by feelings, works, or tears is equally rejected. But he who comes as an unrighteous man to a righteous and gracious Savior, finds not only ready access, but plenteous redemption. The righteous God receives unrighteous man if that man presents himself in his own true character as a sinner and does not mock God by pretending to be something less or better than he is.
– Horatius Bonar

Nothing But Christ!

Nothing but Christ, nothing but Christ, can stably support us in that dread day of God's judgment! "He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved" (Psalm 62:2). His righteousness is infinitely perfect, equal to the highest demands of the divine law, and therefore a firm, immovable ground of trust. We may safely venture the weight of our eternal all upon this rock! It will stand forever, without giving way under the heaviest pressure, without being broken by the most violent shock. Let thousands, let millions, with all the mountainous weight of guilt upon them, build upon this foundation, and they shall never be moved! —Samuel Davies (1757)

"That Will I Seek After"

"One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in His temple" (Psalm 27:4). As we begin another new year, let us not make useless resolutions we all know we will not keep. Let us, however, as children of God, sinners saved and given all the blessings of eternal life by His grace in Christ, resolve to "seek after" Christ and the things of God more than we ever have. Let us resolve to love Him and His people more and to know Him and His Word more. Let us resolve every day to give Christ all the glory and praise He deserves as He in sovereign grace and mercy has freely given us all of salvation and preserves us unto the end. "The beauty of the Lord" is found in Jesus Christ, the Son of God incarnate, and in His accomplished work of redemption to secure the forgiveness of our sins by His blood and our justification before God by His righteousness imputed. We are accepted in HIM, and He has given us spiritual life to desire His glory and praise. He is our beauty, and therefore, let us resolve to seek Him more, to know Him more, to trust and follow Him more. Let us all pray that God Who has given us this holy desire to cause this desire to grow so that we not only resolve to seek after Him, dwell in His house all the days of our lives, behold His beauty, and inquire in His temple, but that we follow through with our resolve. Let us pray to our God for such an intense desire to do these things that we cannot help but act upon it to the praise of the glory of His grace in Christ our Lord and Savior.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Hymns for 1.10 services

Look to the Lamb of God - 216 | Hallelujah, What a Savior! - 127

Birthdays

AMY HIERS - JAN. 12TH | PAUL PAYNE - JAN. 14TH

Sympathies

We extend our sincere sympathies to Sue Parker whose son, Stanley, passed away last week. May the Lord give comfort to our sister in Christ.

Call To Worship

(Tune: Doxology)

**Head of Thy church and Lord of all,
Hear from Thy throne our earnest call;
We come Thy promised grace to seek;
We come, O Lord, to hear Thee speak.**

**Without Thy presence, King of saints,
Our purpose fails, our spirits faint;
Thou must our wavering faith renew,
Ere we can yield Thee worship true.**

**“Lo, I am with you” – That sweet word,
Lord Jesus, grant it to be heard;
Give exercise to faith and love,
And send Thy blessings from above.**

**Lord, send a message from Thy word,
That will great joy and peace afford;
May Thy blest Spirit now impart
Thy grace and love in every heart!**

“Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh” (Luke 21:28).

The time of Christ’s second coming approaches, and it befits His disciples to think of that event and diligently prepare for it. But if we do not witness the descent of our Lord in the clouds, death will soon come and usher us into His presence; and before that we may be exposed to many and painful troubles, so that the direction given by our Lord to us as His disciples may be just suitable, "Then look up!" We are entering upon a new year. We shall have new toils, new trials, new temptations, and new troubles. But whenever they come, let us "look up!" Look not upon or within ourselves, but upon Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Look not others for wisdom, understanding, peace, and comfort, but to His Word for all these blessings that come in believing and resting in Him. LOOK UP! —Copied

Someone said, “It is not how long but how well we live that matters.” The well-lived life, however, cannot be a life lived without Christ. For a life lived without Christ is a living death. The well-lived life is a life lived unto Christ, as sinners saved by grace have died unto themselves and now live unto the glory and honor of God in Christ – ***“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).***