

# 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 9, 2022

10 am: "Grace Abounding in Christ" | Christ in Old Testament  
Lesson 61 | 2 Samuel 12:1-14  
Bill Parker

11 am: "God's Wisdom & Spiritual Discernment" | 1 Cor. 2:14-16  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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***"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!

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## ***“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

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Child of God, would you really desire to give thanks to your heavenly Father for the great salvation He has freely given to you in and by Christ? If you answer, “yes,” as you should, then trust in Him and lean not to your own understanding; worship Him both privately and publicly in the beauty of holiness which is found in Christ; and serve Him with gladness motivated, not by the legal yearnings of the flesh, but by the compelling of the Spirit Who drives you in the spirit of grace, love, and gratitude. —Copied

## **Progressive Sanctification**

I do not accept the doctrine of progressive sanctification. In the New Testament, sanctification is a gift of a perfect status of holiness or purification imputed to the believer in Christ—even as justification is a gift of a perfect status of rightness or justness imputed to the believer based on Christ’s merit. The hope expressed that believers will be ‘sanctified wholly’ or ‘preserved blameless’ is the same as the hope expressed that believers will hold fast the beginnings of their confidence unto the end. Neither notion is progressive if we believe in the sovereign election of God in Christ.

—Bob Higby

## **Justification**

God the Father contrived the plan and method of justification. It would have been a puzzling question to angels and men had not He resolved it. “How should man,” sinful man, “be just with God?” But God in His infinite wisdom “found a ransom,” a Ransomer, a Redeemer of His people, to bring in everlasting righteousness for them, and thereby acquit and discharge them, and “deliver them from going down to the pit” of ruin and destruction. “God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.” God was with Him, forming the scheme of their peace and reconciliation, of their redemption, justification, and salvation – “not imputing their trespasses,” but the righteousness of His Son to them (Job 9:2; 33:24; 2 Corinthians 5:19).

—John Gill

## **Birthdays**

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CAROLYN HAYES - JAN. 9TH | AMY HIERS - JAN. 12TH | PAUL PAYNE - JAN. 14TH

## **Hymns**

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### **January 9th services**

Grace Greater Than Our Sin - 209 | Teach Me Thy Way - 337

## **Prayer Requests**

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Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leonard Qualls, and the Gospel mission in Malawi, Africa.

# **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!**