

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 19, 2025

10 am: "The Coming of the Son of Man" | Matthew 24:23-31
Matthew Series | Lesson 88
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Psalm of the Cross"
Psalm 22
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Look Up!

"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. And how do we prepare for this blessed time? By realizing that all things in salvation and eternal glory have already been prepared for us by Christ, the Lord our Righteousness (*Jer. 23:5-6; 33:15-16; John 14:1-6; 2 Cor. 5:21*). 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 to 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

“When Christ entered into Jerusalem, the people spread their garments in the way. When He enters into our hearts, we pull off our own righteousness and not only lay it under Christ’s feet, but trample upon it ourselves” (Augustus Toplady). Many have said, “Before God clothes you, He strips you naked. Before He fills you, He makes you empty. Before He enriches you, He makes you poor.” All this is true, but what does it mean? It means that a sinner cannot savingly know and be submitted to Christ as his only Savior and His righteousness as his sole ground of salvation while at the same time seeking to plead the righteousness of works as forming any part of the ground of salvation. Therefore, as Toplady wrote, in salvation, in light of Christ and the merits of His obedience and death, the enlightened sinner will see the utter worthlessness of His own righteousness, count it but “dung” (Phil. 3:7-10). He will seek to be found standing before God as a justified, redeemed, and born again sinner clothed in Christ’s merits alone.

—Pastor Bill Parker

In the economy of Jesus Christ there are two extreme degrees – one of abasement, the other of exaltation. The lowest degree of His abasement was His death and burial. The opposite degree of His exaltation will be the last Judgment. In His death He was covered with reproaches and pierced with the arrows of divine justice. He was exposed on the cross as a spectacle to the whole city of Jerusalem. In the final Judgment, arrayed in glory and majesty, He will appear before the whole universe in the glory of His Father and the victorious King of kings (Phil. 2:6-11).

—Robert Haldane

Last Words of Scottish Preacher, Mr. James Guthrie, June 1, 1661

(From the scaffold where he was beheaded for preaching the Gospel)

I am come here to lay down my life this day, and I bless God, I die not as a fool; not that I have anything wherein to glory in myself. I acknowledge that I am a sinner, yea, one of the greatest and vilest that has owned a profession of religion, and one of the most unworthy that has preached the Gospel. My corruptions have been strong and many, and have made me a sinner in all things, yea, even in following my duty. And, therefore, righteousness have I none of my own. All is vile, but I do believe ***“that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, whereof I am chief.”*** Through faith in His blood and righteousness have I obtained mercy; and through Him, and in Him alone, have I the hope of a blessed conquest and victory over sin and Satan, and hell and death, and that I shall attain unto the resurrection of the just, and be made partaker of eternal life. ***“I know Whom I have believed, and that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.”*** I have preached salvation through His name, and as I have preached, so do I believe, and do commend the riches of His free grace and faith in His name unto you all, as the only way whereby you can be saved.

“Lord, we pray for Your blessings in this coming year. May Christ be glorified and honored in our lives, and may we live to see the salvation of many souls. May we also experience a greater growth in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Preserve us, O Lord, and keep us hidden under Thy protection in Christ. AMEN.”

Birthdays

Richman Margeson - Jan. 20th | Bill Sparks - Jan. 22nd

The Lord's Supper

We will conclude our worship services today by serving the LORD'S SUPPER. All who believe and trust Christ for ALL salvation – forgiveness, righteousness, eternal life, preservation, and glory – are welcome to join us in this blessed memorial ordinance.

Hymns

January 19th services

-There is a Fountain - 222

-Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus - 145

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.

Call to Worship

**A Prayer - Living and Dying [original words to Rock of Ages]
by Augustus Toplady**

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flow'd,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands, can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow;
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul I to the Fountain fly, wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eye-strings close in death;
When I soar to worlds unknown; see Thee on Thy judgment throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.**