

# 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 4, 2026**

11 am: "The Seed of Israel"  
Romans 9:1-8  
Jim Casey

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.  
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Here is another prayer for the coming new year and a good article about living out of God's grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ –

“Lord, let us not be of that number who are *‘ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth’* (2 Tim. 3:7). Let us be Your willing and able students to hear and follow Your Word of truth as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. Teach us, correct us, inspire and motivate us, and comfort us with Your Word upon which we feed and *‘grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.’* (2 Pet. 3:18).”

Everything around us is changing and fast passing away! Nothing appears settled or secure! The old year has fled and has told its tale; a new year begins today and will introduce mercies and trials, comforts and distresses, darkness and light. Who can tell what is folded up in the bosom of this year? But our God wisely conceals this from our view, and whatever may be our anticipations or forebodings, the Lord meets us on the threshold of this year and assures us that "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever!*" This is our encouragement, beloved friends. —Copied

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## The Truth About Morality and Sincerity

As sinners saved by God's grace in Christ and blessed with ALL spiritual blessings in Christ, we ought to strive to be moral and sincere in all things we say and do for the glory of God in Christ. We also ought to encourage and promote morality among those who are yet lost and unregenerate, knowing that it is better for us to live in a society where people seek to be law-abiding and charitable towards one another rather than one where people are criminal and totally selfish. But here is the most important truth that we as God's witnesses on earth must try to make clear. Our morality and sincerity do not make up or contribute to our righteousness before God. This accomplishment and distinction go only to Christ, the Lord our Righteousness. We agree with King David who described "*the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works*" (Rom. 4:6). Also, our morality and sincerity cannot give us spiritual life or purify our hearts before God. Only God can create within His people a clean heart, a heart purified by the Spirit's application of the blood of Christ through God-given faith in Him (Ezek. 36:26-27; John 1:12-13). Man by nature thinks that if he sincerely tries to do his best, he will be right with God and enter heaven's glory. But the reality is that no amount of morality as judged by men and no degree of sincerity can accomplish what Christ alone has done for and in His people in salvation. It is all of God's grace based upon Christ's obedience unto death. And when it comes to God's judgment, all who appear before Him and plead their morality and sincerity as recommending them to God will be sadly astonished to hear Him "*profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity*" (Matt. 7:23). The truth about man's natural morality and sincerity is that, in his natural depravity (spiritual death and unbelief), all that he does that appears to be moral and sincere in man's sight is sin, iniquity and dead works in God's sight. —Pastor Bill Parker

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## Learning to Live in and by Christ

When the Holy Spirit takes of the things of Christ and preaches them to the heart, oh, what a sweet peace follows! For the believer then finds himself saved from all the miseries of sin and entitled by grace to all the blessings of eternal glory. Being thus persuaded of his safety in believing in the sin-atonement blood of our Great High Priest, the Holy Spirit then teaches him how to live upon Christ and how to make use of Christ's fullness. Our comforting walk heavenward depends on our learning this lesson. For Christ does not give us a stock of grace and expect us to improve it by being faithful. No, no, that is not His way. Our souls must depend upon Him just as our bodies do upon the elements of this world. Every moment we must live by faith upon His faithfulness and fullness and be every moment receiving out of Him grace upon grace. And this is our happiness – to have all in Christ! A beggar in myself, but rich with unsearchable eternal riches in Him. Ignorant still in myself, but led and taught by His unerring wisdom. A sinner still, but saved by His blood and righteousness. Weak and helpless still, but kept by His Almighty love. Nothing but sorrow in myself, nothing but joy in Him. Oh, this is a blessed life! No tongue can tell what a heaven it is thus to live by faith upon the Son of God. Thanks be to Him that I do know a little of it. Surely, I could not have thought some years ago that there was such a heaven upon earth as I now find. May you find it more and more! —William Romaine (1714-1795)

## Birthdays

William Sparks - Jan. 4th | Jack Cox - Jan. 5th | Jordan Drake - Jan. 5th | Carolyn Hayes - Jan. 9th

## Hymns

### January 4th service

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH - 291  
I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD - 188

## Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, Glenn Tennyson, Mason Flynn, Banks Margeson, Jermaine Harpe, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

## A New Year

As we prepare to face another year, let our prayer be – “Lord, give us the grace, knowledge, and wisdom to face another year, if it be Your will that we remain here on earth. Let us live in the fullness of Christ for Your glory. Let us be able witnesses of Your grace and power and good stewards of all the blessings You have freely given us in Him. Amen.”

## Call to Worship

(Tune – Come Thou Fount – p. 17)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**In this house, O great Jehovah, God of everlasting days;  
Humbly now we all assemble, to begin this year with praise.  
Lord we thank Thee for Thy mercies, which to us are new each day;  
And with gratitude we bless Thee, Thou hast led us all the way.**

**Bless'ed Lord and only Savior, Thou didst full salvation bring;  
We would praise Thee without ceasing, of Thy glories we will sing.  
With the promise of Thy presence, now we face another year;  
Since Thy hand shall always guide us, free us from all doubt & fear.**

**Lead us on our pilgrim journey, guide us safely by Thy grace;  
Keep us looking unto Jesus, till we finish life's short race.  
Then receive us into glory, O Thou God in Whom we trust;  
Take our souls away to heaven, and protect and guard our dust.**