

Essential Tenets of the EPC

The Triune God Makes Himself Known

We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory and praise forever!

The Bible

All Scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation we affirm these additional Essential of our faith:

The Person and Work of Jesus

Jesus Christ, the living Word, become flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.

The Work of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.

Our Need

Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, thereby justifies them in His sight. Only such as are born of the Holy Spirit and received Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life.

The Church

The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity; where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained. For her perfecting, she awaits the return of her Lord.

Come Lord Jesus

Jesus Christ will come again to the earth-personally, visibly, and bodily – to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. 'Even so, come, Lord Jesus.' (Rev. 22:20)

Our Mission

The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to 'Him who loved us and gave Himself for us,' He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. 'For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.' (Eph. 2:10)

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"Join us for a drink of Living Water"



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We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him. God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. **Your Worship Commission**

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Nursery for children infant to 4 yrs. old is available upstairs in the Christian Education Wing (please see Usher for directions)

Meditation

"If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat"

~ John Ortberg

Westminster Chimes and Announcements

(During announcements, we ask members and visitors to please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on. Send them back down your row so you can note who is worshipping with you today. We invite visitors to give us your complete address.)

Opening Prayer

Prelude

'Lamb of God'

~ McHugh

***Call to Worship** (based on Isaiah 55:2, 11-12; John 4:24) *Bud Trimmer, Lay Assistant*

Leader: Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

People: Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

Leader: We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

People: God's Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.

***Hymn No. 2**

'Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing'

***Praise Songs**

*'Days of Elijah'
'Graves Into Gardens'*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen... (silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** *Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 19-21*

What is the misery of man's fallen condition?

By their fall all mankind lost fellowship with God and brought his anger and curse on themselves. They are therefore subject to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

Did God leave all mankind to die in sin and misery?

From all eternity and merely because it pleased him, God chose some to have everlasting life. These he freed from sin and misery by a covenant of grace and brought them to salvation by a redeemer.

Who is the redeemer of God's chosen ones?

The only redeemer of God's chosen is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who became man. He was and continues to be God and man in two distinct natures and one person forever.

Shine Presentation

Silent Drama: 'Eyes On You'
(SHINE Group 1)
Songs: 'Father Abraham'
'Give Me Oil in My Lamp'

Children's Message

(all children come forward and meet Pastor Marc in the front of the sanctuary)

Rev. Dr. Marc Shefelton

Scripture Readings

Mark 6:45-52

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

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Sermon

'Walking on Water'
Series: Following Jesus

Rev. Dr. Marc Shefelton

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

***Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Dedication of Offering**

***Dismissing Hymn No. 345**

'Blessed Assurance'

***Benediction**

Postlude

'Sunshine in My Soul'

~ Sweney

We're glad you joined us for worship today! We invite you to place your financial tithes and offerings in the basket in the back of the sanctuary before or following service. Thank you.

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