

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"



**June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday**

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

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38 ESV)

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

'Take Time to Be Holy'

~ Irish Folk Melody

****Call to Worship***

(From Psalm 16:8-11 ESV)

John Myers, Lay Assistant

Leader: I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

People: **Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

Leader: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

People: **You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

****Hymn No. 279***

'Faith of Our Fathers'

(verses 1, 3-4)

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

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***Praise Songs**

*‘Behold our God’
‘Light the Fire Again’*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord our God, We come to you thankful that you have saved us by your Son's death, from our own Grave, and in raising Him you show us that we too have been and will be raised. We confess that we have sinned and continue to fall short of your will for us. Even while you are giving us a new nature we struggle to trust and obey, following the pattern of our old life even while we try to figure out how to live in the new one you have given. Forgive our sins O God and dress us in Your Righteousness that we can live in ways that are pleasing to you. In Jesus Name we Pray, Amen.... (silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Congregation Response: Thanks be to God!

***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 Larger Catechism Q32 (Modern English)

Q. How is God’s grace revealed in the second covenant?

A. His grace is revealed in the second covenant by God freely providing and making available to sinners a mediator and through him life and salvation. God uses faith as the only way for sinners to become united to him; he promises and gives his Holy Spirit to all his elect in order to bring about this faith in them along with all the other saving graces and in order to make it possible for them to be holy and obedient, as proof of the truth of their faith and thankfulness to God and as the way he has established for them to be saved.

Commissioning and Prayer for VBS Volunteers

Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:12-24,32-38

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

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LG. PRINT/NEW ED. #1315

LG. PRINT #1692/ pew #771

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Sermon

‘Beyond Belief’

Rev. Mark Simonds

Offertory

‘It Is Well with My Soul’

~ Bliss

***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**

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.”

***Dismissing Hymn No. 404**

‘The Solid Rock’

(verses 1, 3-4)

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response No. 282**

‘The Family of God’

Postlude

‘Like A River Glorious’

~ Mountain

We’re glad you joined us for worship today! Thank you for placing the Bibles, hymnals and attendance books back on the chairs.

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