

## 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"**



**August 17, 2025**

**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 immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God.*

*~ Luke 1:64 (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 My Life and Let It Be'***

***~ Malan***

***\*Call to Worship (From Psalm 126 ESV) Shirley Bardes Hasson, Lay Assistant***

***Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.***

***People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."***

***Leader: The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.***

***People: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!***

***Leader: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!***

***People: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.***

#### ***\*Hymn No. 262***

***'Holy, Holy, Holy'***

### ***Call to Confession***

***Prayer of Confession (in unison)***

God of All, When your Holiness is displayed and your true nature revealed by your Word, all of our arguments and all of our ways of declaring ourselves righteous are silenced. When you are among us we have nothing to say in our defense, except to confess the hope which is given to us by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We therefore come before your Holy presence today and confess our sins and ask that we would silence the voices of the world's lies concerning you. Let us instead worship you in Spirit and in Truth, receive the forgiveness and Salvation you give, and walk humbly with you living as your Holy people. 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 The Westminster Confession- Chapter 34 Section 1-3***

1. The Holy Spirit, the third person in the Trinity, proceeding from the Father and the Son, of the same substance and equal in power and glory, is, together with the Father and the Son, to be believed in, loved, obeyed, and worshiped throughout all ages.

2. He is the Lord and giver of life, everywhere present, and is the source of all good thoughts, pure desires, and holy counsels in men. By him the prophets were moved to speak the word of God, and all the writers of the Holy Scriptures inspired to record infallibly the mind and will of God. The dispensation of the gospel is especially committed to him. He prepares the way for it, accompanies it with his persuasive power, and urges its message upon the reason and conscience of men, so that they who reject its merciful offer are not only without excuse, but are also guilty of resisting the Holy Spirit.

3. The Holy Spirit, whom the Father is ever willing to give to all who ask him, is the only efficient agent in the application of redemption. He regenerates men by his grace, convicts them of sin, moves them to repentance, and persuades and enables them to embrace Jesus Christ by faith. He unites all believers to Christ, dwells in them as their comforter and sanctifier, gives to them the spirit of adoption and prayer, and performs all these gracious offices by which they are sanctified and sealed unto the day of redemption.

***Scripture Readings***

*Numbers 11:16-30*

LG. PRINT #225/ pew #103  
LG. PRINT/NEW ED. #204  
LG. PRINT #1588/ pew #724  
LG. PRINT/NEW ED. #1558

*Luke 1:57-80*

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

***Sermon***

*‘When the Tongue is Loosed’  
“Trustworthy and True” A Series on Luke and Acts*

*Rev. Mark Simonds*

***Offertory***

*‘Time to be Holy’*

*~ Stebbins*

***\*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. 138***

*‘Go, Tell It on the Mountain’*

***\*Benediction***

***\*Benediction Response No. 282***

*‘The Family of God’*

***Postlude***

*‘Glorious Is Thy Name’*

*~ McKinney*

*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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