

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

*And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.
~ Luke 6:33 (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

'Holy Is the Lord'

~ Schubert

****Call to Worship***

(From Psalm 37:23–29)

Leader: The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand.

People: **I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing.**

Leader: Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.

People: **For the LORD loves justice; he will not forsake his saints.**

Leader: They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

People: **The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.**

***Hymn No. 60**

'Morning Has Broken'

Call to Confession

John Myers, Lay Assistant

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Inspired by Psalm 125 Merciful God, without you there is no Peace. We might pray for good to come to those who do good and harm to our enemies, but would we pray so when we find ourselves in the wrong? We have your promise that all will be made right and we have assurance through Jesus blood shed for us that our sins are taken away. Because of this we come Lord, in humility, confessing our sins and asking for your grace for us, as well as for those who have done us wrong, that we might live righteously by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.... (silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ We are Forgiven!

Congregation: 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.

***Praise Song**

'10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)'

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

LG. PRINT #285 / pew #131

LG. PRINT/NEW ED. #259

Luke 6:27-36

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

LG. PRINT #1601 / pew #729

LG. PRINT/NEW ED. #1570

Sermon

'Do You Only Want to Be Ordinary?' Rev. Mark Simonds
"Trustworthy and True" A Series on Luke and Acts

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

'In His Time'

~ Ball

***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. 366**

'I Surrender All'

(verses 1-2, 4)

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response No. 354**

'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms' (refrain)

Postlude

'I Love to Tell the Story'

~ Fischer

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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