

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, became 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”

September 4, 2022

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

One aspect of our union in Christ is our union with one another. The faith of all strengthens the faith of each. The weakened hope of one receives hope from the ministry of the others. Faith and hope thus receive their essential character, power, and efficacy from the love that unites the whole body. When faith and hope grow out of love, they are like food for the hungry and medicine for the sick. We need faith, hope and love, but without love we lose all three.

~ Kelly Kapic

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.)

Prelude

'How Great Is Our God'

~ arr. Tornquist

****Call to Worship***

(from Psalm 63)

Sylvia Myers, Lay Assistant

Leader: You, O Lord, are my God, earnestly I seek you.

People: I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and glory.

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

People: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. Let us worship God!

***Praise and Worship**

*‘What a Savior’
‘Your Name is Power’*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(In unison)*

Lord Jesus, you got up early to pray in a deserted and lonely place. Grant us the understanding to come to you when we feel lonely or deserted ourselves. Forgive us when we inflict wounds on others, and grant us the courage to try to make amends to those we have wronged. Move us from harboring hurt or bitterness when we have been sinned against. Allow any anger we feel to be used in ways that bring your justice, and remind us how to forgive as we have been forgiven by you. . . (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.

***Creed**

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 Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

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Communion Meditation

*‘Future Perfect’
Series: Paul’s Prayers – and Ours*

Rev. Scott Graham

Communion Hymn No. 92 *‘Love Divine, All Loves Excelling’* (verses 1-2 & 4)

Communion

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. 493** *‘It Is Well With My Soul’* (verses 1-2 & 4)

***Benediction**

Postlude *‘I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord’* ~ arr. McDonald

We’re glad you joined us for worship today! We invite you to place your financial tithes and offerings in one of the boxes in the back of the sanctuary before or following service. Thank you for placing the Bibles, hymnals and attendance books back on the chairs. Thank you.

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