

## 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”*

**July 7, 2024**

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**

*"A man can't be always defending the truth; there must be a time to feed on it."*

*~ C.S. Lewis*

### **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**

*'Worthy is the Lamb'*

*~ Wyrzten*

**\*Call to Worship** (from Psalms 103:1-2, 20-22) *Paula Keefer-Herter, Lay Assistant*

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**People: Praise the Lord , my soul,**

Leader: and forget not all his benefits. Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones  
who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**People: Praise the Lord , all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.**

Leader: Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

**People: Praise the Lord , my soul.**

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

*'Holy, Holy, Holy'*

## *Call to Confession*

### *Prayer of Confession (In unison)*

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 73-75*

##### **What is the eighth commandment?**

The eighth commandment is: *You shall not steal.*

##### **What does the eighth commandment require?**

The eighth commandment requires that we lawfully acquire and increase our own and others' money and possessions.

##### **What does the eighth commandment forbid?**

The eighth commandment forbids anything that either does or may unjustly take away money or possessions from us or anyone else.

### *Scripture Reading*

#### *Psalm 103*

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

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### *Sermon*

*'Bless the Lord'*

*Series: Summer in the Psalms*

*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."

### *Communion Hymn*

*'Lord, I Want to Be a Christian'*

### *Communion*

*\*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. 569*

*'Battle Hymn of the Republic'*

*(verses 1, 3-4)*

#### *\*Benediction*

#### *\*Benediction Response No. 213*

*'Because He Lives'*

*(refrain)*

### *Postlude*

*'Faith of Our Fathers'*

*~ Hemy*

*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 for placing the Bibles, hymnals and attendance books back on the chairs. Thank you.*

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