

## 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 21, 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**

*"There is no person so near of kin to you as Christ Jesus."*

*~ John Donne*

### **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**

*'Be Still, My Soul'*

*~ Sibelius*

#### **\*Call to Worship**

*(based on Psalm 98:1-6)*

*Jud Herter, Lay Assistant*

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

**People: The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.**

Leader: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

**People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.**

**\*Hymn No. 59**

*'I Sing the Mighty Power of God'*

***Call to Confession***

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

Almighty God, so many of King David's psalms show a heart out of tune, sighing, crying, and breaking with sorrow, yet still clinging to faith in you. So too, O Lord, are our hearts. In Jesus Christ, you have given us what we need most: the cross makes our forgiveness possible, and the Spirit tunes our hearts again to sing your praises. Eagerly we plead your help to enthrone in our hearts David's Son: Christ Jesus, King of the universe, our Savior and Lord. And with King David we declare our trust in your unfailing love. 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 79-81*

**What is the tenth commandment?**

The tenth commandment is: *You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

**What does the tenth commandment require?**

The tenth commandment requires us to be completely satisfied with our own status in life and to have a proper, loving attitude towards others and their possessions.

**What does the tenth commandment forbid?**

The tenth commandment forbids any dissatisfaction with what belongs to us, envy or grief at the success of others, and all improper desire for anything that belongs to someone else.

***Scripture Readings***

***Psalms 2***

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~  
People: Thanks be to God ~

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***Sermon***

*'Why Do the Nations Rage?'*

*Rev. Dr. Marc Shefelton*

*Series: Summer in the Psalms*

***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."

***\*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. 358***

*'I Am Thine, O Lord'*

***\*Benediction***

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

*'Because He Lives'*

*(refrain)*

***Postlude***

*'Christ is Made the Sure Foundation'*

*~ Smart*

*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.*

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