

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"



March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
~ Hebrews 9:22 (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 Time to Be Holy'

~ Stebbins

***Call to Worship**

(From Psalm 40:1-5 ESV)

Andy Sutton, Lay Assistant

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

People: **Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

Leader: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

People: **I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

***Hymn No. 196**

'There Is A Fountain'

***Praise Songs**

*‘Nothing But the Blood’
‘Amazing Love (You are my King)’*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your Holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord have mercy on us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. 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 Essentials of Our Faith 1-3 (EPC)*

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Scripture Readings

Leviticus 17:1-14

Hebrews 9:15-28

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

LG. PRINT #1157/ pew #529

LG. PRINT/NEW ED. #1122

LG. PRINT #1862/ pew #846

LG. PRINT/NEW ED. #1820

Sermon

‘Why Blood?’

Rev. Mark Simonds

“Building On The Foundation” A Series on the Letter to the Hebrews

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.”

Offertory

‘Shepherd of Love’

~ Peterson

***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. 190**

‘Are You Washed in the Blood’

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response No. 191**

‘There Is Power In the Blood’

(refrain)

Postlude

‘Love Divine. All Loves Excelling’

~ Zundel

*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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