

Hot Off the Press! 5/12/13

Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO)

Essential Tenets (condensed version) taken from The Theology Project, Spring 2012

The great purpose toward which each human life is drawn is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. ... So we confess our faith, not as a matter of dispassionate intellectual assent, but rather as an act by which we give God glory and announce our membership in the body of Christ. We trust that when God's glory is so lifted up and when His nature is thus manifest in the life of the body, the church will be a light that draws people from every tribe and tongue and nation to be reconciled to God.

I. God's Word: The Authority for Our Confession

We glorify God by recognizing and receiving His authoritative self-revelation, both in the infallible Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and also in the incarnation of God the Son.

II. Trinity

With Christians everywhere, we worship the only true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – who is both one essence and three persons.

III. Incarnation

Jesus Christ is both truly God and truly human.

The divinity of the Son is in no way impaired, limited or changed by His gracious act of assuming a human nature, and that His true humanity is in no way undermined by His continued divinity.

The risen Jesus, who was sent from the Father, has now ascended to the Father in His resurrection body and remains truly human.

The same Jesus Christ who is now ascended will one day return visibly in the body to judge the living and the dead.

We are able to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and God only through the work of the Holy Spirit.

IV. God's Grace in Christ

The present disordered state of the world, in which we and all things are subject to misery and to evil, is not God's doing, but is rather a result of humanity's free, sinful rebellion against God's will.

No part of human life is untouched by sin. Our desires are no longer trustworthy guides to goodness, and what seems natural to us no longer corresponds to God's design.

In union with Christ, through the power of the Spirit, we are brought into right relation with the Father, who receives us as His adopted children. Jesus Christ is the only Way to this adoption, the sole path by which sinners become children of God.

V. Election for Salvation and Service

Having lost true freedom of will in the fall, we are incapable of turning toward God at our own volition. God chooses us for Himself in grace before the foundation of the world, not because of any merit on our part, but only because of His love and mercy.

Through His regenerating and sanctifying work, the Holy Spirit grants us faith and enables holiness, so that we may be witnesses of God's gracious presence to those who are lost.

VI. Covenant Life in the Church

In Christ, we are adopted into the family of God and find our new identity as brothers and sisters of one another, since we now share one Father.

Within the covenant community of the church, God's grace is extended through the preaching of the Word, the administration of the sacraments, and the faithful practice of mutual discipline.

VII. Faithful Stewardship of All of Life

The ministries of the church reflect the three-fold office of Christ as prophet, priest and king – reflected in the church's ordered ministries of teaching elders, deacons, and ruling elders.

Jesus teaches that we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. There is no part of human life that is off limits to the sanctifying claims of God.

VIII. Living in Obedience to the Word of God

Progress in holiness is an expected response of gratitude to the grace of God, which is initiated, sustained and fulfilled by the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

As we practice the discipline of regular self-examination and confession, we are especially guided by the Ten Commandments.

POLINA BESPALKO WILL PERFORM HERE

We are thrilled to announce that Polina Bespalko will give a special piano concert at our church on Monday evening, May 20. Described as an "amazing virtuoso who has a complex, vigorous and demanding energetic attitude at the piano," Polina is rapidly establishing herself as one of piano's brightest stars.



She began her performance career at the age of 8. Throughout her years at the Moscow Central Music school she appeared regularly in the most prestigious venues in Russia - including performances in Bolshoi Hall and for the Orthodox Patriarch Alexy II at the age of 13. Her career continued after her acceptance to the Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatory, where she was personally requested to perform in every major cultural center and arts festival in the region.

Polina made her American debut in 1998 as an honored member of the Russian-US Cultural Music Exchange. While in America, she furthered her Master's degree from Moscow Conservatory by earning an Artist Diploma at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. During her time at CCM, Polina won the CCM Concerto Competition performing Rachmaninov's 3rd Concerto. She entered into the DMA program at CCM and is currently a Doctoral Candidate, having successfully completed all classes and tests. She is currently on the piano faculty of Xavier University in Cincinnati.

Polina blessed us in our church services with her talent at the piano for many years. She will return to CHPC on Monday evening, May 20 to be Supper Club's special guest. You can make reservations for the dinner by calling Sally Auble at 741-3125 by Thursday, May 16. A delicious catered dinner will be served at 6:15 at a charge of \$7.50. You can come for the concert only in the sanctuary at 7 o'clock. A basket will be provided for a free-will offering to cover those expenses.

Three Cs Nursery School Director Search

Three Cs Nursery School is looking for candidates for a part-time, 25 hours/ week, Director position. This is an important ministry position as the Director would facilitate the Call of CHPC by administering the daily operations of the preschool in a manner that reflects Jesus Christ's grace and loving care to the staff, the students, and their families. We would love to know if anyone in our congregation would be interested in this position. Job description and application are on the church's website, www.chpc.org. Applications and questions may be sent to Karen Kane at kkane1@roadrunner.com

lectionary for the week . online at www.pcusa.org/lectionary/daily

Monday May 13 Morning: Ps. 97; 145 Evening: Ps. 124; 115 Ezek. 4:1-17 Heb. 6:1-12 Luke 9:51-62	Tuesday May 14 Morning: Ps. 98; 146 Evening: Ps. 66; 116 Ezek. 7:10-15, 23b-27 Heb. 6:13-20 Luke 10:1-17	Wednesday May 15 Morning: Ps. 99; 147:1-11 Evening: Ps. 9; 118 Ezek. 11:14-25 Heb. 7:1-17 Luke 10:17-24	Thursday May 16 Morning: Ps. 47; 147:12-20 Evening: Ps. 68; 113 Ezek. 18:1-4, 19-32 Heb. 7:18-28 Luke 10:25-37	Friday May 17 Morning: Ps. 96; 148 Evening: Ps. 49; 138 Ezek. 34:17-31 Heb. 8:1-13 Luke 10:38-42
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May 12 - May 18 calendar

12. sunday		
8:00am	Morning Prayer	Prayer Room
9:00am	Heritage Service	Sanctuary
10:10am	Foundation Hour	
	• Children's Classes	Barnabas Ctr
	• Jr. High	BC 204
	• High School	BC 206
	• Adult Spiritual Formation	Various
11:15am	Kaleidoscope Service	Sanctuary
6:30pm	CRASH	BC 205 & 206
13. monday		
5:30pm	Bible Study	BC 203 & 204
6:00pm	Karate	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	AHG	Great Hall
7:00pm	Deacon Meeting	Sanctuary
14. tuesday		
6:30 pm	Super Choir	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	W&A Meeting	W&A Area
15. wednesday		
9:30am	Library Work Day	BC & Fireside
5:30pm	Cub Scouts	Clubroom
7:00pm	Bi-Polar Support Group	Great Hall
	K-Scope Rehearsal Session	Sanctuary
		BC 201 & 202
16. thursday		
6:00am	Band Of Brothers	Fireside Room
10:00am	Knitting Group	Atrium
3:00pm	Farm Market	Parking Lot
6:00pm	Karate	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Alanon	BC 201 & 202
	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
17. friday		
6:15am	Friday Morning Men	Fireside Room
18. saturday		
8:30am	CHPC Men's Ministry and House of Joy	The Rock