

E S C A L O N P R E S B Y T E R I A N



Welcome to EPC

# O U R M I S S I O N



## **Our Mission - We Exist To**

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SEEK	To bring others to faith in Jesus Christ
SERVE	In mission locally and around the world
SUPPORT	Personal growth through learning, teaching and sharing God's word
SUSTAIN	A Christ-centered Fellowship of believers

## **Our Values**

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- Invite and encourage all people to join us in a life in Christ by sharing the Good News and living according to Christ's example.
- Bring people to accept Christ and deepen their commitment to God through a biblically based Christian education program.
- Develop Christian relationships through fellowship and communication with all age groups.
- Demonstrate Christian living as a congregation by caring for each other in times of joy and sorrow.
- Develop and use resources of time, talent, treasures and prayer to carry on and expand our mission.
- Reach out to meet the needs of people in the community and the world as a reflection of our Christian love and concern.
- Maintain, improve and use church facilities in the best interest of the Lord's Kingdom.
- Glorify God through creative, Christ-centered worship.
- Develop a Team Ministry involving all members – maintaining open communication so the congregation as a whole can work toward common goals.



## **Heidelberg Catechism**

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*What is your only comfort, in life and in death?*

That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

## **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

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*What is the chief end of man?*

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

## **Theological Declaration of Barmen**

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Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

## **A Confessional Church**

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The statements above are drawn from our confessions of faith. We are a confessional church, which means we confess certain truths about God in Jesus Christ. written as confessions of faith, that we believe are Scriptural. We adhere to the Essential Tenets of the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. *See pamphlet entitled "Our Essential Beliefs."*



## **Board of Elders:**

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The governing body of Escalon Presbyterian is called the Session. The Session is made up elders and is moderated by our Pastor. The Session is responsible for the spiritual life and mission of the church and is made up of various Departments that oversee many of ministries here at the church. These include:

- Youth Ministries (Sunday School, Youth Groups)
- Adult Ministries (Bible Studies, Small Groups)
- Mission Outreach (Evangelism, Missions)
- Church Life (Fellowship, Members)
- Trustees (Facilities, Personnel, Memorials)
- Finance (Stewardship, Budget)
- Worship (Music, Choir)

## **Board of Deacons:**

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The Board of Deacons is made up of deacons and officers elected from their body. The Board is responsible for ministering to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. The Deacons are organized around four ministry commissions:

- Worship: preparing communion, flowers, greeters, lay readers
- Shepherding: providing meals for funerals, shut-ins, sick and ill
- Visitation: prayer chain, elderly visitation, card ministry
- Deacon's Fund: emergency, one-time assistance

## **Presbytery/Synod**

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We are part of the Presbytery of the West, which is a regional order of churches under the jurisdiction of the Synod of ECO (Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians).



## Adult Ministries

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- Join a Small Group / Be a Small Group Leader
- Lead and Participate in Bible Studies

## Youth Ministries

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- Sunday School / VBS Teacher / Nursery Volunteer
- High School & Middle School Youth Group Helper

## Church Life

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- Provide Food for Fellowship
- Participate in planning all-church events

## Finance

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- Help organize and facilitate Tithing & Financial responsibility

## Mission Outreach

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- Organize and facilitate Mission Projects / Trips

- Educate congregation on Mission needs throughout the world.
- Volunteer at CARE – local Escalon food bank

## Trustees

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- Help with new Buildings & Grounds projects and construction
- Help with facility Maintenance & schedule work parties

## Worship

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- Join Choir / Praise Team / Instrumentalists
- Participate in the Lay Leadership of worship

## Deacons

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- Visit those who are sick & our elderly / shut-ins
- Minister to people in times of need and crises
- Help cook and serve during our Salvation Army dinners



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## The Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO)

**Jesus Shaped Identity** - We believe Jesus Christ must be at the center of our lives and making disciples of Jesus at the core of our ministry.

**Biblical Integrity** - We believe the Bible is the unique and authoritative Word of God, which teaches all that is necessary for faith and life. The prominence of God's Word over our lives shapes our priorities, and the unrivaled authority of the Bible directs our actions to be in concert with Christ's very best for our lives.

**Thoughtful Theology** - We believe in theological education, constant learning, and the life of the mind, and celebrate this as one of the treasures of our Reformed heritage.

**Accountable Community** - We believe guidance is a corporate spiritual experience. We want to connect leaders to one another in healthy relationships of accountability, synergy, and care.

**Egalitarian Ministry** - We believe in unleashing the ministry gifts of women, men, and every ethnic group.

**Missional Centrality** - We believe in living out the whole of the Great Commission – including evangelism, spiritual formation, compassion, and redemptive justice – in our communities and around the world.

**Center-focused Spirituality** - We believe in calling people to the core of what it means to be followers of Jesus – what "mere Christianity" is and does – and not fixate on the boundaries.

**Leadership Velocity** - We believe identifying and developing gospel-centered leaders is critical for the church, and a great leadership culture is risk-taking, innovative, and organic.

**Kingdom Vitality** - We believe congregations should vigorously reproduce new missional communities to expand the Kingdom of God.

# M E M B E R S H I P



## **Membership as Covenant Partners**

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While believers experience their membership in Christ's body in spontaneous and unstructured gatherings, they fulfill the Lord's purposes best when they covenant to fulfill the biblical vision of membership in particular congregations. These covenantal relationships provide the real-life context for the Holy Spirit's ongoing transformation of believers into spiritual maturity, with the belief that these strong relationships nurture understanding, encouragement, correction, and discipleship-in-mission.

## **The Benefits of Covenant Partnership**

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Becoming a covenant partner is important not only to the congregation but even more importantly for the covenant partner, as they are positioned to receive encouragement, support, and correction that the Lord promises to those who share spiritual fellowship. In committing to the cause of a life lived in and through Jesus Christ, members grow in Christian community together to become more Christ-like. In Christian community, we realize the fullness of life together and life in Christ, and discover our unique place in a common mission and narrative of God's work.

## **The Expectations of Covenantal Partnership**

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Each covenant partner shall strive to be faithful to Christ by participating in the congregation's worship, fellowship, and service on an ongoing basis. Faithfulness in Christ involves each covenant partner's dedication of time and talents for the congregation's mission and ministry, in accordance to the gifts that God has bestowed upon him or her.

# ESCALON PRESBYTERIAN



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## CONTACT ESCALON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## SUNDAYS AT ESCALON PRESBYTERIAN

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Sunday School **9:00 am / Adults - 9:15 am / Children & Youth**

Morning Worship **10:30 am / Sanctuary**

Fellowship **11:30 am / Faith Center**

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