

# Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church Membership Handbook



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## The Mission of Cedar Springs

The mission statement of Cedar Springs addresses the essential questions that every church needs to consider.

**Why?** To respond to God's love...

**What?** ...by following Jesus ...

**How?** ...in loving God, loving one another, and serving the world.

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## Loving God through Worship

**Why Presbyterianism?** See Acts 15.

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**What is the church?** Essentials of Our Faith #5

The church is all the people of God.

The visible church is what we can see, while the invisible church is all those whom God recognizes—everyone who belongs to Him.

**What does the church believe about the Bible?**

The church believes the Bible is God's Word.

The Holy Bible, known as God's Word, is:

- Inspired (*All Scripture is breathed out by God.*) (2 Timothy 3:16),
- Inerrant (*free from error*), and
- Infallible (*Trustworthy, true, and representing ultimate truth*) (Hebrews 4:12).

**What does the church believe about God?** Essentials of Our Faith #1

The church believes that

- there is one living and true God, who exists eternally in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (John 4:24)
- God is a spirit; He is infinite and unchanging in His Being. He embodies all wisdom and power, and is characterized by holiness, love, justice, goodness, and truth.

**What does the church believe about Jesus?** Essentials of Our Faith #2

The church believes that Jesus is:

- God's only Son, the second person of the Trinity. (Luke 3:21-22)
- the Messiah.
- both fully God and fully man.

**What does the church believe about the Holy Spirit? Essentials of Our Faith #3**

The church believes that the Holy Spirit is:

- the third person of the Trinity.
- actively engaged in glorifying the Father and magnifying the work of the Son.

**What does the church believe about humankind? Essentials of Our Faith #4**

The church believes that humankind is:

- created by God to glorify and enjoy Him forever.
- fallen in nature
- in need of His only Son, who sacrificed Himself for our sins.

**What does the church believe about salvation? Essentials of Our Faith #4**

Salvation is through faith alone, by His grace alone, in Christ alone. (John 3:16)

**WHAT we preach**

The Good News of Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:23)

**HOW we preach**

Exegetically, expositively, exhaustively

**WHY we preach**

- To be spiritually fed in order to sustain the Body of Christ. (Romans 10:14-15)
- To recognize Jesus in every part of scripture.
- To discover personal applications of God's Word.

**Signs**

Point us to Jesus (Romans 4:11)

**Seals**

Mark us as belonging to God as part of His covenant family. (Genesis 17:10)



Scan here to view The Westminster Confession of Faith in Modern English on the EPC website.

**Baptism**

*Reference The Westminster Confession of Faith in Modern English - Chapter 28: Baptism*

- Baptism involves the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
- This act signifies and seals our ingrafting into Christ, the blessings of the covenant of grace, and our belonging to the Lord.

**Lord's Supper**

*Reference The Westminster Confession of Faith in Modern English - Chapter 29: The Lord's Supper*

- The Lord's Supper involves the giving and receiving of bread and wine. (1 Corinthians 11:23-29)
- This act signifies Christ's death.
- By faith, worthy receivers are made partakers of His body and blood, fostering our spiritual nourishment and growth in His grace.

**Content**

Reading Scripture , Singing, Preaching, Praying, Participating in Sacraments

**Form**

Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication, and the Gospel Given

**Style**

We turn to the Bible as our guide in all matters. Our style incorporates a blend of songs and liturgy.