

INTRODUCING

THE EVANGELICAL REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In an era of widespread compromise in the Reformed church, The Evangelical Reformed Presbyterian Church stands without apology for the truths of authentic Biblical Christianity.

- We preach the one true Gospel of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone, to the exclusion of all false gospels.
- We teach Biblical truth regarding the meaning and purpose of baptism and the Lord's Supper, to the exclusion of all error.
- We conduct corporate worship with Biblical reverence, dignity, and God-centeredness.
- We practice Biblical discipline in doctrine and life.
- We hold to the Scriptures as the fully inspired, fully inerrant, infallible Word of God, and to the principle that Scripture is its only infallible interpreter.
- Following the example of our Lord and his apostles, we do not fear to speak against error.

These are neglected principles in our time. The Evangelical Reformed Presbyterian Church seeks to be, by God's grace, an instrument to bring about a much-needed new Reformation among the Reformed.

We welcome existing congregations that desire to affiliate with us. We also welcome the opportunity to help interested groups begin new ERPC congregations in their communities.

We count it a privilege to stand together for the truth, under the supreme authority of the Word of God and the headship of our Lord Jesus Christ, working together for His glory.

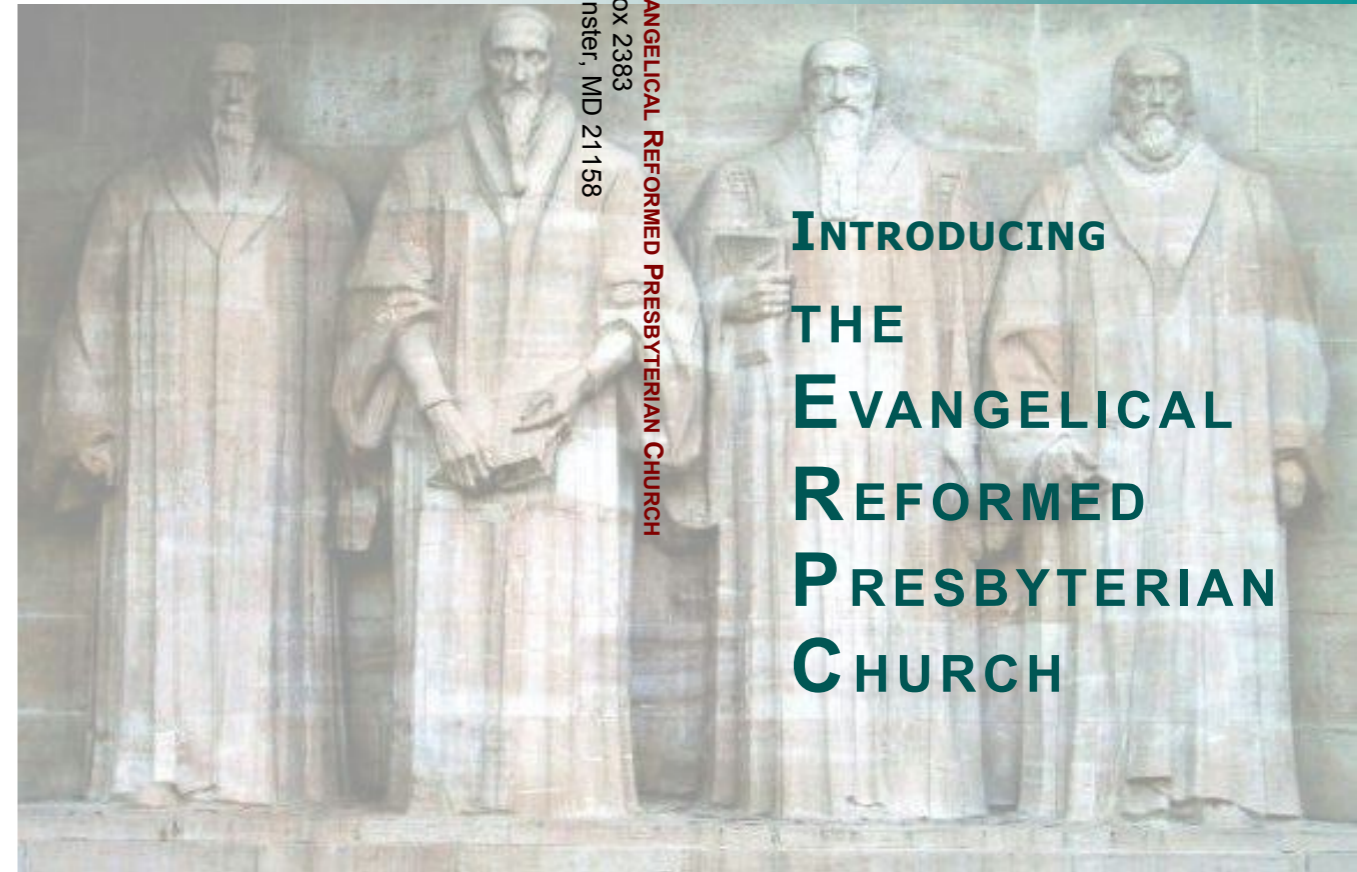
If you desire to affiliate with others who share this Scriptural vision for the church, standing together without compromise for authentic Biblical Christianity, we hope you will prayerfully consider becoming a part of The Evangelical Reformed Presbyterian Church.

This guide provides a general introduction to our denomination. Two others are also available:

- *Affiliating With the ERPC* — A guide for congregations desiring to affiliate with The Evangelical Reformed Presbyterian Church
- *Transferring Your Credentials to the ERPC* — A guide for pastors, and for ministers in non-pastoral situations, who wish to transfer their ministerial credentials to the ERPC

To obtain copies of any of these guides, and for more information, please visit our web site, www.erpchurch.org, phone us toll free at 888-368-4351, or e-mail us at info@erpchurch.org.

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**Forever, O Lord,
Your Word is
settled in Heaven.**

Psalm 119:89



BEGINNINGS: THE CRISIS IN EXISTING DENOMINATIONS

The **Evangelical Reformed Presbyterian Church began in 2004** as a growing number of pastors, sessions, and individual church members expressed deepening concern about spiritual conditions in existing Presbyterian denominations.

Today a growing number of Reformed and Evangelical churches and denominations permit the preaching of a false gospel of justification by faith plus works, and other serious errors. This is not a new situation, but has developed over a period of more than 30 years. These false teachings go by various names, including Shepherdism, Federal Vision Theology, and the New Perspective on Paul.

These teachings, and other errors that accompany them, have made serious inroads in the churches. The Gospel of Jesus Christ and the authority of Scripture are under attack to a degree that has not been true since the Reformation. These developments have sapped spiritual vitality, undermined true Protestantism, and have impeded the church's efforts to carry out the Lord's Great Commission.

ROOT CAUSES OF DEPARTURE FROM THE FAITH

The spiritual crisis has many underlying causes, including these:

- **Loss of Biblical Authority**

Departure from unwavering commitment to the complete inerrancy, infallibility, and authority of the Bible, and the abandonment of sound principles for interpreting Scripture, have led to the rise of man-centered interpretations.

- **Loss of Doctrinal Integrity**

In more and more churches, pastors and elders are permitted to say that they sincerely receive and adopt the Scriptures and the confessional standards of the church on the one hand, while on the other hand they are permitted to teach false doctrines that are clearly contrary to the Bible and those standards.

- **Un-Biblical Church Government**

Growth of complex organizational structures, entrenched denominational bureaucracies, and complicated and inconsistently-applied rules of government have impeded efforts to deal with the spiritual crisis through Biblical church discipline. Sadly, in many church bodies today, compliance with man-made rules has become more important than adherence to Biblical truth.

NEEDED: A NEW PRESBYTERIAN DENOMINATION

Over a period of many years — as far back as the 1970s — men who remain committed to the one true Gospel and the authority of the Bible have attempted to right these wrongs within existing denominations. Their efforts have failed, because they have met strong resistance from those who preach “another gospel” (Galatians 1:6-10) and those who cooperate with them. These elements now hold sway in existing denominations.

The present crisis bears a striking resemblance to the conditions that led men and women to leave the Presbyterian Church in the USA (PCUSA) in the late 1930s to form new conservative bodies.

As Dr. J. Gresham Machen wrote at that time, when such conditions exist, then conservatives must, with great regret, leave their existing denominations whatever the cost, and stand up for the true faith.

Motivated by the conviction that there can be no church unity without agreement on sound doctrine, whole congregations as well as groups of church members have begun to leave existing bodies, and seek to realign on a Biblical basis.

A growing number of Reformed Christians believe that a new Presbyterian denomination is the need of the hour. The Evangelical Reformed Presbyterian Church has been established, in reliance on God's grace, to meet that need. There is a groundswell of interest in the emergence of the ERPC.

If you seek a denomination that is committed to proclaiming the authentic Gospel; uncompromisingly defends the inerrancy, infallibility & authority of Scripture; holds to the grammatical-historical interpretation of Scripture; is unequivocal in its commitment to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as subordinate doctrinal standards; is truly and vigorously Protestant; is evangelical in its outreach to a lost world; and is established on sound, Scriptural principles of church government — then we hope you will prayerfully consider joining with us.

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