

ECC Worship

OUR VALUES and PRACTICES

WHAT WE VALUE

Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

There are certain traits and characteristics that we hold dear and that we passionately pursue. As you read these values, rather than view them as “rules,” they should be viewed as goals. Only Jesus was without sin, and while we will never be sinless while on this earth, we are still commanded to be like Christ. So we ask that everyone earnestly pursue these values and practices.

1. Integrity

- An adherence to honesty, purity and good works.

2. Excellence

- This does not mean perfection. This means that we bring our best to honor God and honor each other.

3. Positive Attitude

- Sometimes things happen that are out of our control, and sometimes we make mistakes. In every situation, we seek to have a positive attitude and look for the best in each other.

4. Service

- We seek to serve our congregation and each other. We should always be ready to ask: How can I help you?

5. People

- Our goal is to reach out to those you know and strive to meet someone new every Sunday!

6. Respect

- As brothers and sisters in Christ, we respect each other's boundaries and we treat others as YOU would want to be treated.

7. Unity

- We are one church body. We are not better than anyone else and we are all after one common goal. The key to unity is forgiveness.

8. Learning

- We strive to get better and learn something new in everything we do. We take criticism well and see it as an opportunity to improve.

9. Purpose

- We do everything for the purpose of our mission and put aside our own personal preference.

10. Devotion

- Most importantly, we seek God and our goal is to see Him move in our own lives. We seek more of his presence in our own lives, and we seek to bring that out of the people we serve.

11. Health

- Healthy is the most important adjective in our life. We pursue great health in all areas of our lives - we will have the tough conversations, we will take care of ourselves and our relationships.

DISCIPLINE

How we handle accountability and discipline

Galatians 6:1 (NIV)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Matthew 18:15-17 (NIV)

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Our values are protected by accountability. Should the need arise, we will follow the disciplinary guidelines outlined in Matthew 18 and Galatians 6.

Disciplinary actions:

- Our goal is to always restore people in a spirit of gentleness
- Step 1: Confront person one on one
- Step 2: Confront person with 2 or more witnesses
- Step 3: Confront person with church leadership
- Step 4: Expelled from ECC Worship

PRACTICES

Here are a few tips and guidelines

Preparedness

Since we don't have a separate day to rehearse, our expectation is that you prepare and practice at home using planning center. You will receive the planning center request to serve with the setlist at least 9 days in advance. If you realize that there is something missing that you need to rehearse or if you are leading a song and you need a key change, please email us as soon as possible.

Times

Please be on time by arriving early enough to setup your gear and be ready to go by the indicated times.

Wednesday soundcheck at 5:00pm

Sunday soundcheck at 7:15am

On Sundays, please be backstage in the green room 10 mins prior to the start of each gathering, **8:50am, 10:20am and 11:45am.**

Parking

In an effort to create as much parking as possible for our guests, we kindly ask that you please park in the volunteer parking lots. Those are, the Bank of America parking lot, the gravel parking lot behind the church and the gravel parking lot next to the ECS athletic fields.

During Gatherings

We pray that everyone would continue to grow while serving. Our expectation is that everyone would be in the auditorium during the teaching time (Wednesdays and Sundays). On Sundays, you are more than welcome to sit in during the teaching time in all gatherings but please be in at least one.

DRESS CODE

Colossians 3:1-3 (NIV)

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

When we serve on a platform and lead people in worship through music, we want all attention to be on Christ. So as you prepare your wardrobe, keep in mind that we want to be as invisible as possible while still having the freedom to express ourselves and look nice. **Always dress modestly and conservatively.**

Fit

- No form fitting, tight clothing.
- No cleavage
- No midriff showing (raise your arms in a mirror to check)
- Check that your clothing fits well especially when you bow or jump

Style

- Jeans are great! Rips are permitted as long as there are no distracting huge rips and no rips above the knee with skin showing.
- Leggings must have a LONG shirt to cover.
- Dresses or skirts shorter than knee length must be worn with leggings or opaque tights.
- Shirts with logos must be very discreet (No large print, Nike swoosh, bands, etc.)
- Sheer material must have a tank under.
- NO STRIPES, please.
- No shorts, please.
- No joggers or sweatpants.
- No sports jerseys.
- Hats should not cast a shadow on your face (No wide brims)

Colors

- Black
- Neutral colors plus maroon, forest green, or dark blue are preferred.