AN EPISCOPAL MINDSET

The principal factors believed to illuminate the core of the Christian faith for Episcopalian believers are (1) Scripture, (2) tradition and (3) reason.

**Scripture** is considered the primary source and standard for Christian doctrine.

**Tradition** is experience and the witness of development and growth of the faith through the past centuries and in many nations and cultures.

Through **reason** the individual Christian brings to bear on the Christian faith discerning and logical thought.

Building on the Anglican theological tradition, John Wesley added a fourth emphasis, *experience; an individual's understanding of the faith in the light of their own life.*

These elements taken together bring individuals to a mature and fulfilling understanding of the Christian faith and the required response of worship and service.