



Christ Community Church a "Broadly Covenantal" Church

Christ Community Church is an active member of the EFCA (Evangelical Free Churches of America) and as such we subscribe to the denominations Statement of Faith. While anyone who wishes to join our fellowship as a member is only required to adhere to that Statement it is also important to recognize that our particular fellowship holds to other theological viewpoints that have an impact upon our polity, theology and thus our corporate life together. Therefore it is important to know that as a church Christ Community Church is also a "broadly covenantal" community of Christians. This brief position paper will define what we mean by that phrase so anyone considering joining us will have a clearer picture of the kind of fellowship we strive to be.

We recognize that there is no clear, mutually agreed, upon definition of this phrase within the church which is why a definition is important. Thus when we say we are 'broadly covenantal' it means certain things we affirm and deny.

We affirm:

- We affirm a stronger emphasis on the continuity of both the Old and New Testaments rather than to emphasis the discontinuity between them.
- We affirm that the unifying thread through the whole of Scripture is God's redemptive-historical plan which culminates in Jesus Christ.
- We affirm that the various covenants of Scripture (Adamic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, and the New covenant) all serve to move God's original and final plan forward rather than expressions of different plans for different times.

We deny:

- We deny any need to adhere to other aspects of Reformed theology (i.e., church polity, pado-baptism) to bear the moniker 'broadly Covenantal'.
- We deny therefore that national Israel should hold no interest to Christians today, rather careful theology built on accurate exegesis should guide our understanding of current events and not the other way around.
- We deny and strongly condemn any form of anti-Semitism that may be contrived or attributed to any form of Covenantal theology real or imagined.

Thus when we say that we are a broadly covenantal community of Christians it is to say we value the continuity of Scripture and see Jesus as its primary theme, goal and fulfillment for both Old and New Testaments.