



## Christ Community Church a “Broadly Reformed” Church

Christ Community Church is a member of the EFCA (Evangelical Free Church of America) and we affirm its Statement of Faith. While our members are only required to adhere to that Statement our particular fellowship holds to other theological viewpoints that have an impact upon our polity, theology and thus our corporate life together. One such viewpoint is that Christ Community Church is a “broadly reformed” community of Christians. This brief position paper defines that phrase and how it shapes the kind of fellowship we strive to be.

When we say we are ‘broadly reformed’ it means certain things we affirm and deny.

### **We affirm:**

- We affirm a high view of God’s sovereignty that is characteristic of the early Reformers like John Calvin.
- We affirm that *all things* exist for God’s glory and His purposes are supreme and His designs are superior to any plans, purpose and desires we may have.
- We affirm that our purpose in life is to know God, obey Him, and love Him above all.
- We affirm that the Church is the primary focus of God’s redemptive plan for humanity and thus the local church, being an expression of the universal church, should be of utmost importance for the believer and play a central role in his/her life.
- We affirm that the doctrines of Grace express a true and coherent understanding of God’s plan of redemption as made known in the gospel message however, these doctrines themselves are not more important than the gospel message.
- We affirm that man is free to choose and live in accordance with his nature and concepts of a ‘free’ will must be defined clearly and biblically.

### **We deny:**

- We deny any need to adhere to other aspects of Reformed theology (i.e., church polity, paedo-baptism) to bear the moniker ‘broadly Reformed’.
- We deny the more extreme forms of Calvinistic theology that diminishes the need for evangelism, world mission and the personal pursuit of a holy life.
- We deny the notion that theological acumen is the sign of spiritual maturity. A lifestyle of repentance from sin and turning to faith in Christ is more important than how much theology one knows.
- We deny that human beings do not have agency or make real choices that matter.

As a broadly reformed community of Christians, we value the supremacy of God and the beauty of Christ above all things. Our convictions must always shape our lives. Thus we emphasize expositional preaching, church membership and discipline, biblical counseling and cooperation with other like-minded churches to finish the Great Commission.