## Welcome To CCUCC

Our mission is to welcome all into a loving, progressive faith community, knowing our actions reflect our Christian values: to question and explore beliefs and assumptions. to strive for peace and justice, and to care actively for the earth, our community, and one another.

## The 8 Points of Progressive Christianity

#### progressivechristianity.org (2003 Version)

By calling ourselves progressive Christians, we mean we are Christians who...

- 1. Have found an approach to God through the life and teachings of Jesus;
- 2. Recognize the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the way to God's realm, and acknowledge that their ways are true for them, as our ways are true for us;
- 3. Understand the sharing of bread and wine in Jesus' name to be a representation of an ancient vision of God's feast for all peoples;
- 4. Invite all people to participate in our community and worship life without insisting that they become like us in order to be acceptable (including but not limited to):
  - believers and agnostics,
  - conventional Christians and questioning skeptics,
  - women and men,
  - those of all sexual orientations and gender identities,
  - those of all races and cultures,
  - those of all classes and abilities,
  - those who hope for a better world and those who have lost hope,
  - without imposing on them the necessity of becoming like us; •
- 5. Know that the way we behave toward one another and toward other people is the fullest expression of what we believe;
- 6. Find more grace in the search for meaning than in absolute certainty, in the questions than in the answers;
- 7. Form ourselves into communities dedicated to equipping one another for the work we feel called to do: striving for peace and justice among all people, protecting and restoring the integrity of all God's creation, and bringing hope to those Jesus called the least of his sisters and brothers:
- 8. Who recognize that being followers of Jesus is costly, and entails selfless love, conscientious resistance to evil, and renunciation of privilege.

We acknowledge that we stand on land stolen from Native and Indigenous people. We are on Nimíipuu land and we recognize that they were the first people here.

We acknowledge that we benefit from the prosperity of the United States, which was built on the labor of enslaved people.

#### **Community Congregational United Church of Christ**

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#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

#### Sunday, December 4

Movie-The Best of Enemies 5pm

**Tuesday, December 6** 

- Congregational Life 7:30pm
- Wednesday, December 7

Office closed



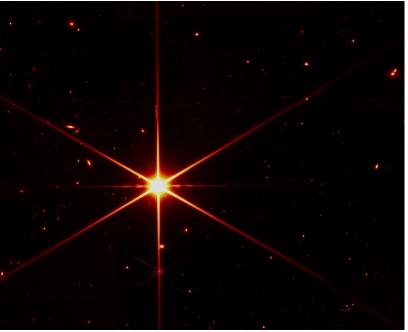


December 4 2022





10:30 am



Serve God with fear, and rejoice with trembling. —Psalm 2:11

## Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

| Prelude                                      | Of The Parent's Love Begotten   | Ginny Hauser, flute                                 | al                   | iu on earth po                     |
|--|---|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Treude                                       | arr. John Purifoy   | Gliniy Hauser, hute                                 | When                 | the encole he                      |
|  | an. John Furnoy   |   |                      | the angels ha<br>another, "Le      |
| Welcome                                      |   | Steve Van Kuiken                                    |                      | place, which                       |
|  |   | Sleve vali Kulkeli                                  |                      | and found Ma                       |
|  | vith you.<br><b>o with you.</b>   |   |                      | they saw this                      |
| Anu ais                                      | o with you.   |   |                      | uild, and all w<br>and Mary tre    |
| Lighting the Ad                              | Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace   |   |                      | hepherds retu                      |
|  |   |   | heard and seen, just |                                    |
| *Invitation to Worship:                      |   | Tricia Grantham                                     | C                    | <b>T</b> T                         |
| Arico ch                                     | ing, for your light has some  |   | Sermon               | Unexpe                             |
| And the Nations                              | ine; for your light has come,<br>glory of the Lord has risen upon you<br>shall come to your light,  |   | *Hymn                | Com                                |
| And kin                                      | gs to the brightness of your dawn.  | · 1 (0 1 2)   |                      |                                    |
|  | (19   | saiah 60:1-3)                                       |                      | Cele                               |
| *Hymn  | Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silenc  | <i>e</i> #345                                       |                      | Cele                               |
| -  | -   |   | Invitation           |                                    |
| Prayer for Who                               | Prayers of the People & the<br>Our Mother and Fath<br>your kingdom come,<br>Give us today our da<br>Forgive us our sins as<br>Save us from the time |   |                      |                                    |
| God of t<br>and roan<br>presence<br>ourselve |   |   |                      |                                    |
| (Silent Prayer)                              |   |   |                      | kingdom, the                       |
| Assurance of G                               | race  |   |                      |                                    |
| Anthem                                       | Hymn of Advent<br>arr. Lloyd Larson   | CCUCC choir   | Sharing of the       | e Bread and                        |
|  |   |   | After Commu          | inion Prayer                       |
| C  | Connecting with Sacred S  | Itories   |                      | Respo                              |
| Silence Meditat                              | ion   |   |                      | 3                                  |
|  | -   |   | M                    | <b>T</b> <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> |
| Ancient Witness                              | <b>s</b> Luke 2: 8-20   | Tricia Grantham                                     | Moment for N         |                                    |
|  | hat same region there were shepherds li   |   | Invitation to t      | the Offering                       |
| keeping<br>before th                         | watch over their flock by night. Then ar<br>iem, and the glory of the Lord shone aro<br>But the angel said to them, "Do not be                      | angel of the Lord stood<br>bund them, and they were | Offertory            | Rise U                             |

bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

| "Glory<br>ar   | *Hymn  |   |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| to one<br>taken<br>haste<br>When<br>this ch<br>them,<br>The sh | the angels had left them and gone in<br>another, "Let us go now to Bethlehe<br>place, which the Lord has made know<br>and found Mary and Joseph and the c<br>they saw this, they made known wha<br>hild, and all who heard it were amaze<br>and Mary treasured all these words a<br>hepherds returned, glorifying and pra<br>and seen, just as it had been told ther | m and se<br>wn to us.<br>whild lyir<br>at had be<br>d at wha<br>nd pond<br>ising Go | ee this thing that has<br>." So they went with<br>ng in the manger.<br>een told them about<br>at the shepherds told<br>lered them in her heart. | *Benediction/Pass<br>*Postlude<br>*Please stand if you<br>† As an inclusive a<br>images, terms, and<br>All inserted songs |
| Sermon   | Unexpected Encounters: Star-S  | Struck  | Steve Van Kuiken  |   |
| *Hymn  | Comfort, Comfort O My Peo  | ople  | #101  | The Council has de being.   |
| Celebration of Communion                                       |  |   |   | <b>COFFEE HOUR</b> :<br>after worship today<br>coffee hour  |
| Prayers of the<br>Our Mot<br>your kin                          | <b>Movie Nights at t</b><br>Brewster Hall. Dec<br>bulletin board for f   |   |   |   |
| Give us t<br>Forgive us<br>Save us f<br>For the k<br>Amen. †   | <b>Bishop Place Hyn</b><br>Independent Living<br>place on the first S  |   |   |   |
| Sharing of the Bread and Cup                                   |  |   |   | CHRISTMAS BR<br>(Dec. 11) for our (   |
| After Commu  | festivity! Breakfas<br>main dishes provid<br>up to bring cookies   |   |   |   |
|  | sing Christmas Ca<br>the meal.   |   |   |   |
| Moment for <b>N</b>  | Mission  | E   | nvironmental Justice  | There will be a trai<br>Hall following our  |
|  |  |   |   | <b>D</b> 1  |

# DiffertoryRise Up, Shepherd, And FollowSam Leeper, vocalsTraditional

For the month of December, the loose cash offering will go to support the Whitman County Humane Society.

### Sent with Love into the World

Watcher, Tell Us of the Night

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#### assing of the Peace

ou are able. ve and open faith community, we attempt to convey gender inclusive and language of God. ags printed with permission OneLicense #A-714060

### Announcements

decided we will continue wearing masks in worship for the time

**R**: You are encouraged to stay for coffee and treats and fellowship day. Just head across the entryway to Brewster Hall and join us for

**t the Church**-Join us tonight for movie night. Movies start at 5:15 in December's movie is The Best of Enemies. See the weekly update or or full details.

**ymnsings Resume!** Join us today at 3pm in the Social Room in ing at Bishop Place for our monthly Hymnsings. These will take t Sunday of the month. Masks are required.

**BRUNCH**: We invite everyone to stay after church next Sunday ir Christmas Brunch. Come and enjoy food and fellowship and fast casseroles, including meat, vegetarian and French toast, will be vided by our Congregational Life Team. If you would like to sign ies, you'll find a sign up sheet on the table in the entryway. We'll Carols, too, for all who are comfortable staying to sing at the end of

raining for Family Promise volunteers on January 29th in Brewster our Sunday Service. It will include a potluck.

Do you have questions about LGBTQ+ and identity issues and have never gotten them answered? Now is your opportunity to do so. Please submit your questions in writing and place them in the rainbow colored box in the narthex. Holly Greystone will incorporate your queries into her presentation on February 4, 2023.

The Pullman Child Welfare sharing tree will be up from today until Sunday, Dec. 11. Please take a tag off the tree and purchase the requested item and return by Dec. 11. Pullman Child Welfare provides about 150 families with gifts and food for Christmas. Between 350 and 400 children will receive toys, new clothing, homemade pajamas and ingredients for a Christmas breakfast.