

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 Core Values of Progressive Christianity

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

1. Believe that following the way and teaching of Jesus can lead to experiencing sacredness, wholeness, and unity of all life, even as we recognize that the Spirit moves in beneficial ways in many faith traditions.
2. Seek community that is inclusive of all people, honoring differences in theological perspective, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, class, or ability.
3. Strive for peace and justice among all people, knowing that behaving with compassion and selfless love towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe.
4. Embrace the insights of contemporary science and strive to protect the Earth and ensure its integrity and sustainability.
5. Commit to a path of life-long learning, believing there is more value in questioning than in absolutes.

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We acknowledge that we stand on land stolen from Native and Indigenous people. We are on Nimípuu 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.

Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.
Large print bulletins will be available soon.

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Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser

Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, December 11

Justice & Witness 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 13

Office closed

Congregational Life 7 pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

December 10, 2023

10:30 am



“And I must say tonight that a riot is the language of the unheard. And what is it America has failed to hear? ... It has failed to hear that the promises of freedom and justice have not been met. And it has failed to hear that large segments of white society are more concerned about tranquility and the status quo than about justice and humanity.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Jihyun Kim, piano
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome Gary Jewell

Praise be to God for this new day
It is Always Good to Gather in community
To remember again who we are--and whose we are.

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace

Sung Response *One Candle Is Lit (verse 2)*

*Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.
One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.*

***Call to Worship** Barbara Taylor

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with God one day is like a thousand years,
And a thousand years are like one day.
God is not slow as some think of slowness, but is patient with us....
Not wanting any to perish, but desires that all will come to repentance.
The word of God will stand forever.
How shall we live while we wait for salvation?
Together...that is how. And as we wait...and as we act...we will sing!

***Hymn** *Comfort, Comfort O My People* #101

Call to Wholeness

Shepherding God, guide us through this season of anticipation and hope.
Comfort our troubled minds, and strengthen our tired bodies.
Restore the hope this season offers, that we might lift our voices with strength and joy!
Straighten the crooked paths, that we might walk in your ways.
Level the rocky ground, that we might prepare for your arrival in our world.
In Christ's name we pray.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Will We Know Him?* Ginny Hauser, flute
Don Besig & Nancy Price Jihyun Kim, piano

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness John 1: 19-28 Barbara Taylor

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight[a] the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Sermon *The Call to Cry* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *This Is My Song* #591

Responding to Live Faithfully

The Lord's Prayer: (using paraphrased wording)

Loving, eternal Presence.
You are with us, yet beyond us.
And your name is Holy.
We look for Your kingdom, and seek to do Your will.
On earth as it is in heaven.
We ask that You give us this day...enough for what we need.
And we praise You that you forgive our sins.
And we ask that we might, in turn, have the strength and grace to forgive others.
And lead us, we pray, away from temptation, and deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #116

For the month of December the loose cash offering will go to support Sojourner's Alliance.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *With Joy Draw Water* #109

***Benediction/Passing of the Peace**

***Postlude**

*Please stand if you are able.

† As an inclusive and open faith community, we attempt to convey gender inclusive images, terms, and language of God.

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Announcements

The Council has decided wearing masks during worship is optional.

COFFEE HOUR: You are encouraged to stay for coffee and treats and fellowship after worship today. Just head across the entryway to Brewster Hall and join us for coffee hour.

Join us **tonight at 5pm** for movie night. Tonight's movie is Erin Brockovich.

Please join us on **December 17** for a Holiday Potluck following worship. Some main dishes (ham, mashed potatoes, rolls etc.) will be brought. We would appreciate some turkey and other side dishes, plus desserts, from any who are able. Join your church friends for a festive lunch and carol singing.

If you have been attending CCUCC regularly and/or have covenanted for the year, and you would like to make the leap and be an "on-the-books" member of CCUCC, please contact Pastor Gary (509 280 4466) so a meeting can be scheduled.

Pullman Child Welfare's Food Bank is in need of donations. Best time to donate is Saturday mornings 9-11am or donations can be dropped off at the food bank drop box outside their office at 108 NW Stadium Way.

We need worship volunteers. See the weekly update for dates and how to sign up.

CAC Food Bank Hours: closed Monday and Tuesday; Wednesday 3-6pm; Thursday 11am-1pm; Friday 1-4pm. Appointments encouraged. Sign up by phone at 509-595-4141 or visit their website at www.cacwhitman.org/foodbank/

Longest night service will be held at CCUCC on **December 21st (solstice) at 5:30 pm.**