

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.

“Core Values of Progressive Christianity”

2022 Edition

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

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2023/24 Church Council

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Wednesday, December 6

Office closed



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

December 3, 2023

10:30 am



If you do not wish to keep this bulletin, please recycle it. Thanks.

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Jihyun Kim, piano
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome Gary Jewell

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Hymn** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* (insert)

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope: What Is Hope?

Sung Response *One Candle Is Lit*

*Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night
our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.*

***Hymn** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (insert)

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

Offertory *With Joy Draw Water, 109* Jihyun Kim, piano

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Luke 1: 39-56 Guy Worthey

Sermon Elle Grover-Fricks

Discussion

Celebration of Communion

Special Music *Crowded Table* (insert)

Invitation and the origin story of Communion

Sharing of the Bread and Cup *Eat this Bread*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread,
drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.*

Prayers of the People & the Jesus Prayer

**Our Eternal Creator, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.** †

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Je louerai l'Eternal* (insert)

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

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

*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 **today** in the Main Dining Room of Bishop Place for the monthly Bishop Place Hymnsing. We'll be singing Christmas Carols!

If you have been attending CCUCC for at least the past six months 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 has a sharing tree in the narthex. If you can help, please take a tag from the tree, purchase the item and bring it back unwrapped no later than Sunday, December 10. All items go to local children. Thank you for your help!

Can you do a load of laundry for us? Over the last two weeks, 12 people slept downstairs as part of the Family Promise of the Palouse program. That's a lot of bedding! Grab a plastic bag from the narthex and return the clean items next week. We encourage you to use the same bag. And, we welcome additional twin-sized sheets and comforters (no pillowcases) in like new or great condition. Thank you!

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 are in need of new or slightly used items for the nursery. See the weekly update for items needed.

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

Fair Trade Craft Sale at Simpson United Methodist Church on **Dec. 2nd (10am-3pm) and Dec. 3rd (noon-3pm)**. See weekly update for more details.

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/

Loose offerings for December will support Sojourners Alliance. See weekly update for a full description of the work they do.