

# 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 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

### United Church of Christ

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Outreach Team: open

#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

##### Tuesday, December 3

Coffee @ Pups & Cups 10:30 am

##### Wednesday, December 4

Office closed

Congregational Life 5:15 pm

##### Friday, December 6

Queer Quest 6:30 pm



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## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

December 1, 2024

10:30 am



*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here*



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# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** *Sing We Now of Christmas* Kathy Spencer, piano

**Welcome** Rev. Mike Bass

**Life of the Church**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope**

**Shared Prayer**

**Creator God, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your grace and transformation towards your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.**

**\*Sung Response**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
O come O come, Em-man-u-el, and  
ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el That mourns in lone-ly  
ex-ile here, un-til the Child of God ap-pear.  
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el shall come to you, O Is-ra-el!**

**\*Call to Worship:** Megan Guido

Let us prepare, for God is drawing close.  
**The light of the world will dwell among us.**  
Let us keep watch! For we know not the day nor the hour.  
**In ways and places unexpected, Christ appears.**  
Let our hearts not be weighed down.  
**Even in the hardest hours,**  
let us raise our heads and proclaim,  
**the Kin-dom of God is near!**

**Passing of the Peace**

Let us share words of peace and belonging.

**\*Hymn** *Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn* #107

**Call to Wholeness:**

Gloom often encapsulates us when life is confusing and conflict is great. At times our faith becomes rattled, and we now find ourselves swallowed by shadows of fear. The world often feels like the end is near even when a new beginning is around the corner. We forget that even when shadows have lengthened, there remains a crack in the surface. Light begins to stream into our space, and warmth dances upon our hearts. When fear unnerves us, may we cling to the HOPE of God's love and the possibilities of joy once again, we pray.

*(Silent Prayer)*

**Assurance of Grace**

**Anthem** *You Are My Light* CCUCC choir  
Dave and Jean Perry

# Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Ancient Witness** Luke 21:29-33 [Inclusive] Megan Guido

And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, or any other tree. You see when they're budding you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things happening, know that the reign of God is near. The truth is, this generation will not pass away until all things take place. The heavens and the earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

**Sermon** *Finding Hope in the Midst* Rev. Mike Bass

**Special Music** *Be Still My Soul* Anjuli Dodhia, vocals  
Sibelius Guy Worthey, bass guitar

# Celebration of Communion

**Invitation**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup** - All are welcome at the table.

**\*Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together* (insert)

**Prayers of the People & the Jesus Prayer**

**Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker, Source of all that is and that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The praise of your name echo through the universe. The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world. Your heavenly will be done by all created beings. Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. Amen.**

# Responding to Live Faithfully

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** *Hope* Ginny Hauser, flute  
Lois R. Hill

*For the month of December the loose cash offering will go to support  
Palouse River Counseling & Latah Recovery Center.*

# Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *Keep Awake, Be Always Ready* #112

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *Draw the Circle Wide*

**Draw the Circle, draw the circle wide  
Draw the Circle, draw the circle wide  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side  
Draw the Circle, draw the circle wide  
Draw the Circle, draw the circle wide (repeat all)**

\*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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Thanks to the Rev. Molly Bolton and the Rev. Dr. Michelle L. Torigian as liturgical guides.

**Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.**

# 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 at 3 pm.

A New School Year means that your Church Choir is back! We'll meet each Sunday **morning at 9:15**. Any and ALL are WELCOME!

For our weekday downtown coffee time, is now on **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Through **November** we will meet at **Pups & Cups** on Main St. All are welcome to drop in between 10:30 and 11:30 for our no-host social time with Pastor Mike as we continue to support businesses Each month we'll change location, so we'll keep you posted!

CCUCC is teaming up with the Unitarian Universalist Church in Moscow for a project they started in Moscow called "Chasing the Chill". They expanded to Pullman later and asked if we would like to alternate months with them this winter. Scarves, gloves, hats, and socks of all sizes are collected and placed on the fence at River Nook near Neill Public Library. Let's fill the box in the Narthex with new or gently used items to help our friends in the community "Chase the Chill" this winter! Questions? Contact Kym Dye at [kymdye57@gmail.com](mailto:kymdye57@gmail.com).

The annual Pullman Child Welfare sharing tree is in the Narthex. Grab a tag and return the item to under the tree no later than **Sunday, December 8th**.

Come to the 66th Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast! The holiday celebration includes food, music, and a silent auction. All proceeds go to service and performing arts programs for local children. The event is **Saturday, December 7, 7-11am**, at Lincoln Middle School; tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 3-12. For advance tickets and more information, visit [pullmankiwanis.org](http://pullmankiwanis.org).