

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

United Church of Christ

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2024/25 Church Council

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Outreach Team: open

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Tuesday, December 24

Coffee at Pups & Cups 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Service/Social 7 pm

Wednesday, December 25

Office closed

Thursday, December 26

Office closed

Friday, December 27

Holiday Bowl watch party 5 pm

Game Night 6 pm

Queer Quest 6:30 pm



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



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

December 22, 2024

10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Finding Love



Luke 1: 39-46

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

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude	<i>Meditation on a French Noel</i> Gordon Young	Mary Carloye, organ
Welcome		Rev. Mike Bass
Life of the Church		
Joys and Concerns		
Lighting the Advent Candle of Love		
*Call to Worship		Charlene Toews
	Love deeply, creating the wells of kinship For we belong in God. Love boldly, like the spirited colors of the rainbow For in Christ we find peace. Love joyfully, like the blissful songs in the wind For in Spirit we are connected.	
Passing of the Peace	Let us share words of peace and belonging	
*Hymn	<i>Of The Parent's Heart Begotten</i>	#118
Call to Wholeness:	Divine Love, at times we are weighed down by the heaviness of the season, the sorrows we carry from the past, and the expectations of the present and future. It is so easy to hide in the shadows sometimes and not bask in the joy of community love. Help us to find levity and grace. Help us to find love, we pray.	
<i>(Silent Prayer)</i>		
Assurance of Grace	<i>Mary, Did You Know?</i> Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene	CCUCC choir

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness	1:39-46 [Inclusive]	Charlene Toews
	Within a few days, Mary set out and hurried to the hill country to a town of Judah, where she entered Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.	

As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice Elizabeth exclaimed, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why am I so favored, that the mother of the Messiah should come to me? The moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who believed that what our God said to her would be accomplished."

Mary said, "My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you..."

Sermon	<i>Finding Love</i>	Rev. Mike Bass
*Hymn	<i>Mary, Woman of the Promise</i>	#123

Responding to Live Faithfully

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory	<i>The Rose</i>	Anjuli Dodhia, vocals
	Amanda McBroom	

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

Sent with Love into the World

*Hymn	<i>Colorful Creator</i>	#30
*Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>Draw the Circle Wide</i>	

**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 as 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. Michelle L. Torigian as liturgical guide.

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

Announcements

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.

Christmas Eve service will be **Tuesday, December 24th at 7 pm** followed by a social in Brewster Hall.

Next Game Night is **Friday, December 27th at 6 pm.**

Have a desire to make a joyful noise? Choir meets each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. Any and ALL are WELCOME.

Our weekly downtown coffee time is now on **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Through **December** 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.

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. Questions? Contact Kym Dye at kymdye57@gmail.com.

New congregational book read, to be followed by a potluck discussion in early February. Books will be ordered and available soon. The read is *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest* by Suzanne Simard.

Get ready for our new competition to kick off 2025! Find your personal coffee cup, we want to see how long it will take for our congregation to keep 1,000 cups out of the landfill. Starting the first Sunday, January 4th, 2025 have your washable/reusable cups ready for coffee hour. Yes, there will be prizes when we reach our goal.

Volunteers collected about \$4,000 in donations from football fans who parked in the CCUCC lot on six game days. Thank you to all the volunteers: Sue Schell, Frances & Asa Clark, Al Frakes, Nancy Mack, Tricia Grantham, Marion & David Yonge, Tim Paulitz, Doug Hindman, Lisa Sully & Chris Cummings, Bill Kerr, Anjuli Dodhia, and Wanda Terry. Go Cougs! Go CCUCC!

Yoga will return on **New Year's Day at 5:30 p.m.** to kick off the new year.