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.

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Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

December 8, 2024

10:30 am

Third Sunday of Advent Finding Forgiveness: Repent and Follow



Luke 3: 1-6

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

2024/25 Church Council

Moderator: Darin Paulson
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Congregational Care Team: Nancy Gillard
Shared Ministry Team: Tricia Grantham
Justice and Witness Team: Kym Dye
Outreach Team: open

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, December 9

Justice & Witness 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 10

Coffee at Pups & Cups 10:30 am Shared Ministry 1 pm

Wednesday, December 11

Office closed

Friday, December 13

Queer Quest 6:30 pm



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

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude

"Twas In The Moon Of Wintertime Kathy Spencer, piano (Huron Carol) arr. Joseph M. Martin

Welcome Rev. Mike Bass

Life of the Church

Jovs and Concerns

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

*Call to Worship

Nancy Mack

The cry of John the Baptist echoes in the voices of today.

They call us to make way for the work of God!

The Holy One is drawing near.

Clear all that hinders justice.

Tear down every wall that barricades mercy.

Tend to each fear that turns us away from well-being.

Passing of the Peace

Let us share words of peace and belonging

*Hymn Now Is the Time Approaching #609

Call to Wholeness:

We seek your presence, O God of Becoming. At times we listen to those in seats of power and ignore your prophets in the wilderness. At times we forget that a great joy abounds when we can transform a prayer from thoughts to concrete actions. Open our hearts to the voices crying out from the shadows and the margins. May your Word enfleshed and embodied among them transform us and lead us all in the direction of collective wholeness. Forgive us, we pray.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem

Will We Know Him?

CCUCC choir

Don Besig & Nancy Price

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness

Luke 3:1-6 [Inclusive]

Nancy Mack

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius... the Word of God came to John in the desert. John went through the entire region of the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the words of Isaiah, the prophet: "A herald's voice in the desert, crying, 'Make ready the

way of our God; Clear a straight path. Every valley will be filled, And every mountain and hill will be leveled. The twisted paths will be made straight, And the rough road smooth — And all that has flesh will see the salvation of God.""

Sermon Finding Forgiveness: Repent and Follow Rev. Mike Bass *Hymn Toda la Tierra #121

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

Some Children See Him Wihla Hutson & Alfred Burt

Anjuli Dodhia, vocals

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

Sent with I ove into the World

*Hymn Let There Be Peace On Earth (insert)

*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)

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

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.

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. 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.

Would anybody be interested in starting an informal yoga group that meets at the church one evening per week following an online instructor (Adrienne on YouTube). If so, let Lisa Carloye know (at lcarloye@gmail.com) and what days work for you. If there is enough interest, we will get something regular set up and get going in the New Year.

The holiday potluck is **Sunday**, **December 15th after worship**. Turkey, ham, potatoes, rolls and cookies are provided. Bring a dish to share or just bring yourself.

Tonight, Sunday December 8th is movie night at **5pm**. We will be showing McFarland.

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

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.

^{*}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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