

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 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.

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Tuesday, December 2

Coffee @ Neill's 10:30 am

Wednesday, December 3

Office closed



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church
Accessible to All

November 30, 2025

10:30 am

Waiting: the dawn's early chorus



Advent

First Sunday: Hope

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

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

Joys and Concerns

Advent Candle of Hope

My kin in Christ, as we gather to light the first candle of the Advent wreath, let us bring with us the companion of hope.

Living actions of love.

What sounds could those loving actions make, my friends? Perhaps it is the first birdsong in the morning or dishes being washed at a community meal.

The ding of a text bearing good news or the ring of church bells calling us to come together.

What sights and scents might such actions have? Maybe ships carrying formula and lentils through waters of violence. Perhaps the smell of coffee shared on the protest line or in a church basement.

Or a mountain bridge restored after the storm, and the sweet earthy notes of a balsam tree by the fire.

This Advent season, let us be companions of hope. (Light the first candle)

Embodying our "yes" to God in what we do, what we sense, what we choose to pay attention to.

Accompanying despair, but not becoming it.

Living into Hope, that it may be so here today and tomorrow.

Passing of the Peace

An opportunity to share words of peace and belonging. The ancient, traditional greeting is "The peace of Christ be with you" with a response of "And also with you."

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

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Children's Moment Rev. Mike Bass

Anthem *Will We Know Him?* CCUCC choir
Don Besig & Nancy Price

Ancient Witness Matthew 24:36-44 [*Inclusive version*] Charlene Toews

"No one knows that day and that hour — not the angels of heaven, nor even the Only Begotten — only Abba God.

"The coming of the Promised One will be just like Noah's time. In the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, having relationships and getting married, right up to the day Noah entered the ark. They were totally unconcerned until the flood came and destroyed them. So it will be at the coming of the Promised One. Two people will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two people will be grinding meal; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, keep awake! For you don't know the day your Savior is coming.

"Be sure of this: if the owner of the house had known when the thief was coming, the owner would have kept a watchful eye and not allowed the house to be broken into. You must be prepared in the same way. The Promised One is coming at the time you least expect."

Sermon *Waiting: the dawn's early chorus* Rev. Mike Bass

***Hymn** *O God of Love, O God of Peace* #571

Responding to Live Faithfully

Prayers of the People & Jesus Prayer Rev. Mike Bass

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.

Inviting Generosity

Offertory *Light A Single Candle* Ginny Hauser, flute
James Michael Stevens

Today's cash loose offering will support the Whitman Recovery Center Food Bank..

Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done!
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Now Is The Time Approaching* #609

*Benediction

*Postlude

Pass It On

It only takes a spark to get a fire going
And soon all those around can warm up in the glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You'll spread God's love to everyone
You'll want to pass it on **(repeat)**

*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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Credit: Advent Candle Liturgy by the Rev. Dr. Elyse Berry of The Council for Health and Human Service Ministries of the UCC. Adapted by the Rev. Mike Bass.

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. All are welcome.

Weekly coffee time is **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Through **December** we will meet at **Neill's** 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!

Choir has resumed! Join us for rehearsals on **Sunday mornings at 9 am.** Everyone is welcome!!

Chasing the Chill: We are teaming up with UU Church in Moscow to collect winter items (scarves, gloves/mittens, hats and socks of all sizes) Note that socks must be newly purchased. There will be a donation box in the narthex to collect new or gently used items to help our friends in the community. Questions? Contact Kym Dye at kymdye57@gmail.com. Please no coats, blankets, jackets or sweatshirts.

Come to the 67th 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 6, 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.

Look forward to these CCUCC Advent celebrations: December 7 during coffee hour after worship: *Christmas Crafts for All Ages*; **December 14** after worship service: *CCUCC Christmas Lunch and Carol Singing* in Fellowship Hall; **December 24 5:30 p.m.:** *Christmas Eve Worship, Refreshments following*

The Pullman Child Welfare Sharing Tree is up in the narthex! Choose a tag(s) and bring back the unwrapped item with the tag and place under the tree BEFORE 5pm December 7th.