

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 16

Coffee @ Neill's 10:30 am

Building & Grounds 1:30 pm

Stewardship & Finance 3:30 pm

Wednesday, December 17

Office closed

Faith Development 5:30 pm

Thursday, December 18

Congregational Care 1:30 pm



Community Congregational

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

Accessible to All

December 14, 2025

10:30 am



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 *Carol of the Bells* Kathy Spencer, piano
M. Leontovich
arr. Catherine Rollin Monica Johnson, piano

Welcome Rev. Mike Bass

Life of the Church

Joys and Concerns

Advent Candle of Joy

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

Delight, that the Sacred (Way) brings wholeness.

For those lacking in ability — **access!**

For those who are lonely — **connection!**

For those who are sick — **healthcare!**

For targeted communities — **liberation!**

For flora and fauna — **thriving!**

For our decision-making — **wisdom!**

For the rough edges of our hearts — **healing!**

This Advent season, let us draw from a deep well of delight. (Light the third candle.) Rejoice! For the kin-dom of God has come near.

Come, let everyone experience the love of God found in and through this community.

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** *Awake! Awake, and greet the New Morn* #107
v. 1-3

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Children's Moment Rev. Mike Bass

Anthem *When Emmanuel Has Come* CCUCC choir
Price & Besig

Ancient Witness Matthew 11: 2-6 [*Inclusive version*] Suzy Scott

When John was in prison, he heard about the works the Messiah was performing, and sent a message by way of his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you ‘The One who is to come’ or do we look for another?”

In reply, Jesus said to them, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ‘those who are blind recover their sight; those who cannot walk are able to walk; those with leprosy are cured; those who are deaf hear; the dead are

raised to life; and the *anawim* — the “have-nots” — have the Good News preached to them.’

“Blessed is the one who finds no stumbling block in me.”

Sermon *Gaudete! Rejoice! En-joy* Rev. Mike Bass

***Hymn** *Strengthen All the Weary Hands* #612

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 *Deck The Halls* Monica Johnson, piano
trad. Old Welsh Kathy Spencer, piano
arr. Tom Roed

*Today's cash loose offering will support
Palouse River Counseling.*

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Joy To The World* #132

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
The Earth is our Mother, family are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*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. Molly Bolton of the UCC. Adapted by the Rev. Mike Bass.

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

Announcements

COFFEE HOUR: All are encouraged to stay for a lunch and carol singing in fellowship after worship today. Just head down the stairs (or elevator if you prefer) to Fellowship Hall and join us for lunch. 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 9:15 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.

Look forward to these CCUCC Advent celebrations: 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*

We will host Family Promise the week starting Jan. 11, 2026. We are hoping to return to 2 overnight hosts on the three nights we cover. A sign-up genius will be coming out soon to fill our dinner, evening and overnight slots, plus laundry needs. If you would like to be included on the sign-up, please let Lynn know at (360)480-2049 or lmccollough@gmail.com. Being included does NOT mean you are agreeing to fill a slot, just that options are open. Thank you so very much for your volunteer time and talents!

Our Giving Tree in the narthex is now bedecked with tags for The Spartan Closet, which provides our local middle schoolers with essential clothing items. In addition to the items on the tags, new and gently used winter books and slide sandals (like crocs and flip flops) are also appreciated.

Tonight is movie night! We will be showing *The Help*. Doors open at **5 pm.**

Next game night is **Friday, December 26th at 6 pm.**