

# 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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## Community Congregational United Church of Christ

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Outreach Team: open

### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

#### Monday, December 8

Justice & Witness 6:30 pm

#### Tuesday, December 9

Coffee @ Neill's 10:30 am

#### Wednesday, December 10

Office closed

Congregational Life 3:30 pm



## Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

December 7, 2025

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** *The Holly And The Ivy* Kathy Spencer, piano  
arr. Joseph M. Martin

**Welcome** Rev. Mike Bass

**Life of the Church**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Advent Candle of Peace** Sarah and Lindsey

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

Peace comes by way of justice.

**Peace brings life.**

There is an ancient knowing at the heart of it all.

**The way is like a river humming with love.**

To wade in is to splash with the Sacred.

**To dance forth the renewal of the world.**

This Advent season, let us be companions of not just hope, but peace as well. (Light the second candle)

**Spirit, inspire us, enlighten us, embolden us with the light of love and the stars of peace that we are made of.**

We gather in the flow of refreshing grace.

**And with our everlasting desire for peace, for justice, for You.**

**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** *Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old* #108

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Children's Moment** Rev. Mike Bass

**Anthem** *When Will He Come?* CCUCC choir  
Price & Besig

**Ancient Witness** Matthew 3: 1-6 (Inclusive version) Julia Mike

At this time John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Change your hearts and minds, for the reign of heaven is about to break in upon you!"

It was John that the prophet Isaiah described when he said, "A herald's voice cries in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of our God; make straight the paths of God.'"

John was clothed in a garment of camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist. Grasshoppers and wild honey were his food. At that time, Jerusalem, all Judea and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him. John baptized them in the Jordan River as they named their sins.

**Sermon** *Peace, Justice, and Change* Rev. Mike Bass

**\*Hymn** *Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless* #461

## Celebration of Communion

**Invitation**

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

**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** *Deep Peace (A Gaelic Blessing)* Ginny Hauser, flute  
John Rutter

## Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *With Joy Draw Water* #109

**\*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 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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Credit: Advent Candle Liturgy by the Rev. Molly Bolton of enfleshed. Adapted by the Rev. Mike Bass.

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

## Announcements

**COFFEE HOUR:** All are welcome 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.

Join us **today** in the Main Dining Room of Bishop Place for the monthly Bishop Place Hymnsing at 3 pm.

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

Movie Night this month features *The Help* on **Sunday, December 14. Doors open at 5pm.** Pizza provided! Upcoming movies are listed in the Tuesday update.

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](mailto:kymdye57@gmail.com). Please no coats, blankets, jackets or sweatshirts.

**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*

**Today** after worship you are invited to an open house hosted by our new tenants! The Whitman County Historical Society and the Whitman County Genealogy Society are excited for you to see their new space downstairs in Room 102. Refreshments provided.