



## **Mission Statement**

- Build an inclusive community of faith.
- Receive and openly share the love of God.
- Reach out with a compassionate voice for peace and justice.



### **Ministers:**

All the members of the congregation

### **Pastor:**

Rev. Todd Freeman

### **Worship Services:**

At 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings we have two services of worship at the same time: one in English and the other in Spanish.

### **Church School:**

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

### **Chancel Choir Rehearsals:**

Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.  
Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

# **College Hill Presbyterian Church**

**Progressive  
Caring  
Inclusive  
Multicultural**



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# Progressive, Caring, Inclusive, Multicultural

A 'More Light' Presbyterian Congregation (PCUSA)

## Q & A



### What is Progressive Christianity?

While there is no one definition, there are some basic characteristics such as:

- Willingness to question tradition, including traditional understandings of church doctrines and biblical interpretations
- Respect of intellectual integrity, including the use of the latest in biblical and scientific knowledge and understanding
- Acceptance and affirmation of human diversity; ministries of inclusiveness and hospitality
- Strong emphasis on ministries to promote social justice, peace, and care of the environment and all of God's good creation
- Centrality of the commandment to "love one another" – a ministry of compassion
- Outreach to those for whom organized religion has proved ineffectual, irrelevant, or repressive
- A life of faith is approached as a journey, not a destination

## Caring

College Hill gathers as a community of faith to worship, study, share fellowship, and reach out to those in need. It is our hope to gain wisdom and understanding so that our lives might reflect the image of God.

We invite all persons to active membership and ministry and encourage personal and congregational growth.

We also encourage progressive theological exploration while maintaining a bond with the Reformed tradition.

Our community life is centered on relevant worship, a strong music program, small group ministry, fellowship, and education.

College Hill members and friends cherish authentic and caring relationships with one another, marked by mutual respect, openness, tolerance and forgiveness.

We place great emphasis on: the time we spend together in meaningful fellowship; sharing personal joys and concerns during worship; nurturing our children and youth; and open communication through the monthly *The Messenger* newsletter, pastoral care and Congregational Life programs.

We strive to redress wrongs in every aspect of life by working with the poor, powerless and disenfranchised through a strong Outreach & Mission ministry, including support for Kendall Whittier, Inc. (Emergency Food Pantry, an after-school program housed at the church, etc.), United Campus Ministry, Meals on Wheels, Day Center for the Homeless, Food4Kids, Openarms Youth Project, a variety of work projects.

## Inclusive / Multicultural

College Hill is a proud member of the More Light Presbyterians (MLP) network of churches. MLP's Mission Statement declares: *Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).*

We understand the complexity and diversity of the neighborhoods we serve and respond to the opportunities and challenges that we face. As part of our ministry of hospitality and inclusiveness, we are engaged in a Hispanic Immigrant Fellowship program that includes Worship, Church School, and a Prayer Group in Spanish. Once a month we gather together for a combined service of worship with Communion.