



**Ministers:** 

All members of the congregation

**Pastor:** 

**Rev. Todd Freeman** 

Worship Services:

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. We have two services of worship at the same time: one in English and the other in Spanish.

Church School – all ages: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Bell Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. College Hill

Presbyterian Church

# Progressive Theology

Traditional Worship

Inclusive



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### **Progressive Theology** • Traditional Worship • Inclusive

A 'More Light' Presbyterian Congregation (PCUSA)

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College Hill gathers as a community of faith to worship, study, share fellowship, and reach out to those in need.

Our hope is to gain wisdom and understanding so that our lives might reflect the image of God.

We invite <u>all persons</u> to active membership and ministry, and encourage personal and congregational growth.

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

Our community life is centered on relevant worship, a strong music

CH PC program, small group ministry, fellowship,

#### Caring

Members and friends of College Hill cherish authentic relationships with one another that are caring, marked by mutual respect, openness, honesty, forbearance and forgiveness.

We place great emphasis on: meaningful fellowship (potlucks, Dinners for 7 or 8, Family Fellowship Group, etc); sharing personal joys and concerns during worship; nurturing and valuing our children and youth; adult education, communication through monthly eNewsletter, pastoral care.

We strive to redress wrongs in every aspect of life by working with those in need, the powerless and disenfranchised through a strong Outreach & Mission ministry, including support for: Kendall Whittier, Inc. (Emergency Food Pantry, GROW Garden), United Campus Ministry, Meals on Wheels, Day Center for the Homeless, Openarms Youth Project, Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry, Tulsa Interfaith Alliance, Emergency Infant Services, and a variety of work projects. We also support a microbank program in Nicaragua.

### Inclusive

College Hill understands inclusiveness as offering welcome and hospitality to those who have felt exclusion from other congregations or denominations. We are a proud member of the More Light Presbyterians (MLP) network of congregations that live into being inclusive and welcoming. 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 Fellowship* program that includes Worship, Church School, and a Prayer Group in Spanish. In addition to combined fellowship, we gather together monthly to celebrate The Lord's Supper.



## What is Progressive Christianity?

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

- Willingness to question tradition, including orthodox understandings of:
  - church doctrine and
  - biblical interpretation
- Respect of intellectual integrity, including the use of the latest in biblical and scientific knowledge and understanding
- Acceptance and affirmation of human diversity – a ministry of hospitality and inclusiveness
- 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
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