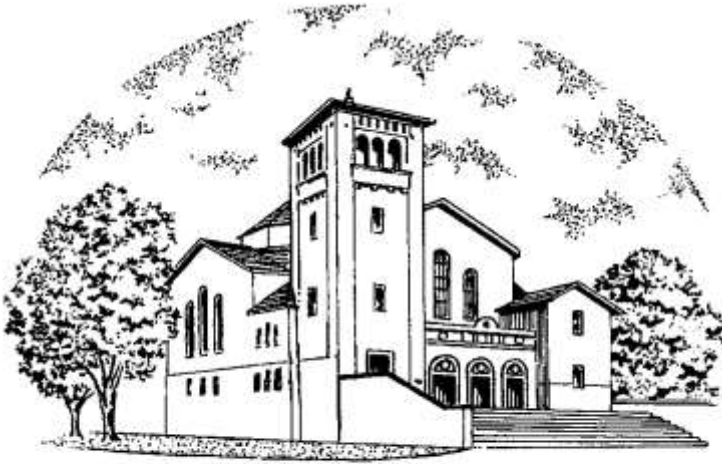


# Cochrane Street United Church

81 Cochrane Street ♦ St. John's, NL ♦ A1C 3L7



## January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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# Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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Whether you are here for the first time or this is your church home – welcome to our community of faith.

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## USHERING TEAM FOR JANUARY

Jalna McMaster, Jo-Ann Kelly, David Molyneux, Frasier Ellis

### OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
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## PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

Rev. Peggy Johnson will cover all pastoral emergencies and funerals.  
She can be reached at (709) 685-9223

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# GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*please stand as you are able

\*\*bold is in unison

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge the territory in which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, and the island of Newfoundland as the ancestral homelands of the Mi'kmaq and Beothuk. We would also like to recognize the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and NunatuKavut and the Innu of Nitassinan, and their ancestors, as the original people of Labrador. We strive for respectful relationships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation and honour this beautiful land together.

## PRELUDE:

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.*

## INTROIT MV # 167: Hush!, Hush!

Hush! Hush! Somebody's callin' mah name.

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Hush! Hush! Somebody's callin' mah name.

Oh mah Lawd\*, oh, mah Lawd\*, what shall I do?

## \*LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Epiphany is the season of light, the time of year when the days get longer, the sun gets brighter, and God's light shines into the darkest corners.

**Jesus said, 'I am the Light of the World,' and so we light a candle to remind us of Jesus, God's light, which is a lamp before us, showing us the way.**

May Christ's light shine within us, through us, and around us.

**Here. Now. In this place.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC VU # 299: Teach Me God To Wonder

1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;  
let your world of beauty capture me.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated, joy you give. . .

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- 2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;  
let your world of people speak to me. R
- 3 Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,  
in your world of loving my place take. R
- 4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,  
see you in my neighbour when we meet. R

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

As we seek God's guidance at the beginning of a new year,  
we are unsure of what lies ahead.

**Let God's wisdom enshroud us to help us understand the  
true meaning of God's love.**

Let God's strength envelop us as we strive to accept the true  
power of God's love.

**Let God's promise of eternal life sustain us in the  
persistence of God's love. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Creator God, who knows us and loves us despite our  
many faults, continue to be our guide throughout the new year  
that lies ahead. Help us to make the right decisions; help us to  
extend your love to others; help us whenever our troubles  
appear to be relentless and unyielding; abide with us, comfort  
us, give us hope, and strengthen our resolve to do your will  
every day. Amen.**

**HYMN: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky # 509 VU**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God of us all, on this day we hold close our dreams for  
the future and the hopes we carry for each new day that dawns.  
Be with us as we confront our doubts and discomforts; as we  
face the worries and challenges that threaten us. We recognize  
and accept that we need to heal and to grow as we move  
forward with our lives. Here, this morning, take delivery of all  
the confessions of our hearts and lives that we are asking you  
to relieve us of. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Be fully confident that, like the magi who followed the star, if we live our lives according to God’s word, we, too, shall be successful on our journey to meet our God face to face. Know that God forgives all our sins if we simply ask him to and invite him to lead us on our life’s journey. Amen.

**LEARNING TOGETHER:** Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

**HYMN:**                    **Take My Life and Let It Be**                    **# 506 VU**

**OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY**

*There are many ways you can offer your financial gifts. As you enter the sanctuary you may lay your offering in the plate. You can send your offering by mail or drop them off in the mailbox. You can donate via eTransfer: [csuctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:csuctreasurer@gmail.com). You can sign up for PAR (Pre-Authourized Remittance) or use the donate button on our website.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN MV # 191: What Can I Do?**

What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer.  
I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

We bring our gifts and ask that you, the God of all good things, will take them and use them for your purposes.

**We ask that you use them to shine your light of love over the world, like the light that shone, marking the place where Jesus was born, which is the greatest gift of all. Amen.**

**GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

God, who loves us unconditionally, enable us to gain new insight into your words as we ponder them this morning. Help us to hear, realize and adapt your message to our lives. Amen.

**READING FROM THE PROPHET:**    1 Samuel 3: 1-11

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:**                    Psalm 139, VU# 861

**GOSPEL READING:**                    St. John 1: 43-51

**ANTHEM:** People Look East, *arr by Malcolm Archer*

**MEDITATION:** Being Called by God

*Reflective Music*

## **GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**HYMN:** Will You Come and Follow Me? # 567 VU

### **PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:**

Holy God, Dreamer of dreams,  
We offer Cochrane Street United Church to you. We are your people, this is your church. We come to you seeking your guidance, your purpose, your vision. Align our will with yours, so that we will be willing to do whatever it takes to carry out your plan. We ask you to break through in new ways in our church. Show us the great ministry you have in store for us. Help us dream your dreams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, giving us the vision, boldness, and confidence to do all that you call us to do.

### **COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING:**

Go now into the world: may the promises and the grace of God, the enduring love of Jesus Christ, and the omniscience of the Holy Spirit embrace us in all we do in the week ahead.

**CHORAL BLESSING:** Go Make A Difference #209 MV

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

### **POSTLUDE**

*Please take your bulletins with you when you leave the pew.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, JANUARY 14	CSUC – Bert Riggs
Sunday, JANUARY 21	CSUC – Bert Riggs
Sunday, JANUARY 28	CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson
Sunday, JANUARY 28	CCOPC Mtg Event Space, Immediately after worship
Tuesday, JANUARY 30	CSUC Council Mtg, 7PM (ZOOM)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, please have it into the office by Thursday at noon.

**NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE!** A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping create a safe environment in which we can all fully participate.

**PARKING ON SUNDAYS:** If the Bannerman parking lot is full when you arrive, there MAY be parking available at Stewart Avenue that's behind the College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CRNNL).

**PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR CSUC:** Rev. Peggy Johnson is covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. She can be reached at (709) 685-9223 or by email at [peggyjoanjohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyjoanjohnson@hotmail.com). If Rev. Peggy is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds at [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pt2reynolds@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to Stephen & Charlotte Jewczyk, Sandy Stavlo, David Peters, Faith Roberts Pike, Judy Kay and Robyn McMaster who cheerfully volunteered their time and energy to put away the beautiful Christmas decorations.

### NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Cochrane Community Outreach and Performance Centre Inc.

On Sunday, **January 28, 2024**, immediately following the morning worship service, a special meeting of the members of Cochrane Community Outreach and Performance Centre Inc. (CCOPC) will be held in the event space at Cochrane Centre. As of December 2023, the five-year management agreement between Cochrane Community Outreach and Performance Centre Inc. and First Light has officially ended. The CCOPC Board of Directors has received and unanimously moved to support an ownership proposal from First Light. First Light's proposal will be presented to the CCOPC membership at this special meeting by Breannah Flynn, Director of Business Operations for First Light. It should be noted that the Cochrane Street United Church congregation's continuing access to worship in the building would be guaranteed by First Light. Following the presentation, a motion to support First Light's proposal will be presented to the membership for a vote.

**2024 CHURCH CALENDARS:** There are still some left at a cost of \$10.00. If anyone is interested, **please contact the Church Office** (709-722-3023, [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com)) to place an order.

**BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH:** For each month of 2023, Bridges To Hope will be suggesting a much needed food item for members of our partner congregations to consider for donation. For the month of **JANUARY**, we are suggesting peanut butter and Cheez Whiz. Of course other non-perishable items are always welcome.

Weekly Flyer Specials for January 11 – 17, 2024 -- Items helpful for food hampers:

- Dominion - Campbell's Soup - \$0.99
- Kraft Peanut Butter/Cheez Whiz - \$3.97
- Colgate Toothpaste/Toothbrush - \$0.99
- Walmart - Maxwell House Instant Coffee - \$2.97
- No Frills - No Name Canned Beans - \$0.99
- No Name Peanut Butter - \$3.99

