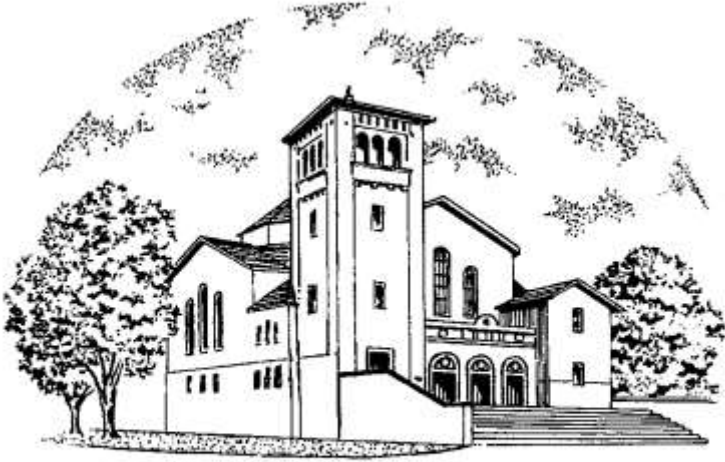


Cochrane Street United Church

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



November 19th, 2023 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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

USHERING TEAM FOR NOVEMBER

Ian McMaster, Gerry Penney, Bill Squires, Blair Bradbury

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 Thursdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 Fridays 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

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709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

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: VU #585: Jesus Bids Us Shine (all verses)

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Jesus, you have gone up into the heavens to be close with God and we are waiting.

We are waiting for your promise that you are sending the Holy Spirit.

Open our ears and our hearts to hear your story.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

*REFLECTIVE MUSIC VU #389: God Is Here (v. 1)

1 **God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Creator God, eternal Love, we praise you!

You bless us with good things

You surround us with creation and bless us with human community.

You give us your presence in Jesus.

You forgive our faults and encourage us in our weakness.

You give us spiritual gifts, and your grace shines in us.

Why then would we not trust you? Why would we not be generous, as you are generous?

Fill us with your spirit of giving. Come, Spirit of Life, and transform us by your grace. Amen.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Gracious God, unending source of blessing, unceasing well of grace, we thank you for the abundance of your good gifts. You have laid the treasures of your goodness in our hands. Stir up your grace in us so that we may bear your love and trust gladly into the world, by the power of your Holy Spirit working within us. Amen.

***HYMN VU #642: Be Thou My Vision**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, trusting in love for us, we confess our sins to you and seek your mercy. We recall those times when we have invested what you have given to us in love to others and we give thanks for your grace. We also recall those times when we have kept your generous riches to ourselves, for which we offer our sincere regret and seek your forgiveness. We have seen your love in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for your infinite mercy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

People of God, we have been assured by Jesus Christ that if we repent, our sins will be forgiven. We are forgiven and set free by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Praise be to God. Amen.**

LEARNING TOGETHER: Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

***HYMN VU #635: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me**

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

*OFFERTORY HYMN: VU #543: We Give Thee But Thine Own

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Bless these gifts we offer to you, O God. Use them for the greater benefit of those who require them more than we do and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others so that we, in our small ways, can help to ease the burdens they carry. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Gracious and loving God, as we turn to your Word for us, may your Spirit rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 4: 1-10

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 123

VU page 847

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25: 14-30

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Lead Me Lord, *by Samuel Wesley*

MEDITATION: A Woman Called Deborah

*HYMN #766: As the Deer Pants for the Water

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (page 922)

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

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. Amen.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION VU #422:

God Be With You till We Meet Again (v. 1 and chorus)

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus's feet;
Till we meet, till we meet; God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

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

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Reginald Howell,
From son, Oscar, and Family*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday,	NOVEMBER 19	CSUC – Bert Riggs
Sunday,	NOVEMBER 26	CELEBRATION OF LIGHT CANDLE SERVICE (7PM) CSUC – Paula & Tim Reynolds <i>Please Note there is no morning service</i>
Tuesday,	NOVEMBER 28	CSUC Council Meeting, 7pm (ZOOM)
Sunday,	DECEMBER 03	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey
Sunday,	DECEMBER 10	LESSONS AND CAROLS CSUC – Choir & Members of the Congregation
Sunday,	DECEMBER 17	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey
Sunday,	DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey
Sunday,	DECEMBER 31	No Worship Service at CSUC

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.

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. If Rev. Peggy is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds at pt2reynolds@gmail.com.



2024 CHURCH CALENDARS are available at a cost of \$10.00. If anyone is interested, please contact the Church Office, 722-3023, (info@cochranestreetuc.com) to place an order.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHT - Sunday, November 26, at 7pm The annual "Celebration of Light" is a time to remember those we love and celebrate special people and moments in our lives. We do this by lighting candles. The sanctuary will be all aglow with candlelight.

Next Meeting of Church Council: is scheduled for Tuesday, **November 28**, 2023, via ZOOM. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Tim Reynolds, Council Chair, at pt2reynolds@gmail.com.



Decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season: A Christmas decorating gathering for the sanctuary is being organized for Wednesday, November 29, at 10am. Anyone who wishes to volunteer and help out with the decorating is asked to be at the church at 10am. This is the time for joy and merriment!

CHRISTMAS IN LABRADOR - Volunteer Request: Sunday, December 10, there is a quick turnover to get ready for the event's songs and stories. First Light would really appreciate assistance with coring apples, tidying up the space, moving the piano, etc. Anyone who wishes to help out with the preparations immediately after the church service can contact the church office at 709 722 3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST: Council has started the updating of the Historical Roll for CSUC. This project is a requirement for all pastoral charges. Linda Bowden, CSUC's archivist, is providing invaluable information and leadership for the project. Brian Johnston and Sandy Stavlo are reviewing the lists of persons on the Roll and contributing valuable additional information to Council. Anyone interested in assisting with the project should contact Sandy Stavlo, who is the lead for Council with this project, through the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

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 **NOVEMBER** we are suggesting crackers. Other non-perishable items are also welcome!

LIGHT UP HOPE: Join Stella's Circle on Giving Tuesday, **November 28**, as we Light Up Hope with JUNO award nominee Kellie Loder. It's our signature festive, FREE event celebrating community, generosity and hope from **6:00-7:00pm** at the Bonaventure Community Garden (next to Holy Heart High School). The **family-friendly** evening will feature a live performance by Kellie Loder with the Stella's Circle Inclusion Choir, a fire circus performance, music from DJ Slim Macho and **hot chocolate & cookies** from the Hungry Heart Café. Together we'll celebrate the official lighting of the iconic Stella's Circle HOPE sign! Kick off your holiday season with us!

THE GOWER SERVICE AND SOCIAL CLUB will be holding its next dinner meeting on Tuesday, **November 21**, starting at **6:00pm** in the Lecture Hall. The menu will be poached salmon; the after-dinner speaker will be speaking on the history of Women's Suffrage in Newfoundland. If you plan to attend, please let Bert Riggs know by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, at briggs@mun.ca.

ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH 65TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER CELEBRATIONS: You are invited to the party! It starts on Friday, **November 17** at 6:00pm for 6:30pm. Emcee is Gary & Lou of NL Now. Featuring Wayne Button and Friends AND Rachel Cousins. Tickets (\$45) can be purchased at the church office during office hours, by E-transfer at treasurer@stjamesuc.org or by Paypal. The deadline is November 10th. For additional information please contact the church office at info@stjamesuc.org

FIRST LIGHT EVENTS:

Spirit Song Festival is a celebration of Indigenous Arts and Culture that has been running annually in St. John's since 2013. Now in its 11th season, Spirit Song has grown into a multi-day event which boasts world class performances, traditional and contemporary knowledge sharing events as well as artist in residence series. All are welcome!

NOV 22-26 Sprit Song Festival

DEC 10 * **Songs and Stories of Christmas in Labrador** *

DEC 17 * Songs and Stories for a Cold Winter's Night *

* Tickets for all Songs and Stories events will be up on [firstlightarts.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca).

EXTERNAL RENTAL EVENTS:

DEC 16 Jazz East Big Band Christmas Concert