



*THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN IS DEDICATED:  
In loving memory of Grandparents, Robert & Faith House,  
Father, Fred Neil, and Sister, Amanda Pridmore,  
From the Churchill / Rideout Family*

*And In memory of Loved Ones from Cheryl, Byron, Ellice and Allanah*

Flowers in the sanctuary are from June & Barry Hatfield

**Cochrane Street United Church  
December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Lessons and Carols**

**GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**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:**

**CAROL:** **arr. Camp Kirkland**  
**I Wonder as I Wander**  
Soloist: Meghan Herder

**CAROL:** **Robert Clatterbuck**  
**Bethlehem Town**  
Cochrane Street United Church Choir

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.*

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

The light of Christ is with us

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

In Christ, although we are many,

**We are one.**

Let our hospitality towards each other reflect God's love.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

**CAROL:**

**Richard Storrs Willis**

**It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

Soloist: Mary Antle

**LEARNING TOGETHER**

**CAROL:**

**Vivaldi**

**Esurientes Implevit from Vivaldi's Magnificat**

Soloists: Mary Antle and Meghan Herder

**ADVENT CANDLE**

**Reader:** We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. This candle stands alone, a symbol that hope can persevere.

(The First Candle is lit)

**All:** We hope that you can meet us, O God, even in the mess of our world. We hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.

**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 VU # 81: As With Gladness Men of Old**

3 As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger crude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Speak to us, Lord.**

**Speak to us in the waiting, the watching,  
the hoping, the longing,  
the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.**

**Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,  
and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Isaiah 9:2 - 7**

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL:**

**arr. Steven Page**

**God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings**

Soloists: Mary Antle, Darrin Martin, & Evan Smith

**ADVENT CANDLE:**

**Reader:** We light this candle of peace. This candle reminds us of the peace that Jesus brings into the world.

*(The second candle is lit)*

**All: Help us prepare for your coming, O God, with peace in our hearts. In a world that is confused and confusing, help us to know peace as we prepare for you to dwell among us.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 1:26-35, 38**

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL:**

**Jamie Cullum**

**How do you Fly**

Soloist: Evan Smith

**ADVENT CANDLE:**

**Reader One:** We light this candle of joy knowing that God's joy breaks through our fear. We light this candle, rejoicing that Christ is coming!

*(The Third pink candle is lit)*

**All: Show us the beautiful things in this season, O God. Not just the things that glitter and flash, but the deeper things, the beauty of heart and soul, the beauty of love shared in service and hospitality. The beauty that you turn our fear into joy, the beauty that you are coming!**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 2:1-7**

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**

**arr. Jay Althouse**

**O Holy Night**

Soloist: Darrin Marin

Cochrane Street United Church Choir

## **ADVENT CANDLE:**

**Reader:** We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery.

**Reader:** Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room or on a walk. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now. We forget that Christ is coming.

**Reader:** Advent reminds us to wait, and to prepare. As we wait with patience, as we prepare to welcome love coming into the world, as we reach out to others in love, it is in those moments we catch a glimpse of God's love. Advent reminds us that on Christmas Eve love is born in human form, our very own Emmanuel – God with us.

**Reader:** We light the candle of love. Jesus is almost here, and he will fill this world with his love.

*(The Fourth candle is lit)*

**All: We know that you are near to us, O God. Your flame of love burns in our hearts. Help us to know your love in all that we do and all that we say.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 1:1 - 14**

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

## **CAROL:**

**arr. Harry**

### **Do You Hear What I Hear?**

Soloists: Mary Antle, Meg Herder, Darrin Martin  
Cochrane Street United Church Choir

## GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS:

#### CAROL VU # 38: Angels We Have Heard on High

- 1 Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.  
*Refrain:* Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song? **R**
- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. **R**
- 4 See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise. **R**

#### CAROL VU # 59: Joy to the World

- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:  
let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground:  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found. *(verse 4 on next page)*

4 He rules the earth with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

### **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**

#### **BENEDICTION**

**Arr. Joel Raney**

#### **The Light of Christmas/Silent Night**

Soloists: Mary Antle, Meghan Herder and Darrin Martin  
Cochrane Street United Church Choir

### **POSTLUDE**

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

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

December 20 – Lessons & Carols 11 am & 7 pm

December 20 – Christmas on Cochrane 5 pm

December 24 – Jesus' Birthday Party (outdoors) 5 pm

December 24 – Candles, Carols & Communion **9 pm**

December 27 – On-line Joint Worship Service (Evan & Rev. Miriam at Cowan Heights)

January 3 – On-line Joint Worship Service (Phil & Rev. Oliver at Cochrane)

**Hopes & Prayers:** As we get ready for Christmas, we also think of the coming New Year. Take some time between December 31st and January 1st to think about what your hopes and prayers are for the new year. Then take a ribbon or piece of fabric and write down your hopes and prayers for 2021. Then come and tie that Ribbon to one of the trees on the front steps of the church.

## MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of my dear parents, Alex & Violet Reid, and brother, Ted,  
From June & Barry Hatfield*

*In Loving Memory and Thanksgiving for my special and dear friend,  
Margaret Elaine (Lewis) Kakers, From Ian Barrett*

*In Memory of my brother, Dennis Riche, who was a member  
of your congregation, From brother, Jerry and Family*

*In Loving Memory of mother and father, Irene & Walter Tucker,  
From daughters Linda Facey and Marilyn Pardy and Families*

*In Memory of brother, Gordon Bursey,  
mother & father, Leah (Nicol) and Lewis Bursey,  
From Joan & Doug Bursey & Family*

*In Memory of Grace Oakley, From Judy & Ed Stratton*

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

*In Loving Memory of Helen & Horwood Guzzwell,  
And Anne & Bill Bourne, From nieces,  
Ruth & Catherine Ruth Davidge*

*In Memory of the Drodge Family, from Betty Barnes*

*In loving memory of Rev. Fred and Eileen Bradbury From Carolyn and Gerald*

*In Memory of my parents, Lorraine & Leslie Critch, from Karen Critch*

*In Memory of my mom and dad, Fred & Isabelle Percy, From Joyce Grimes*

*In Loving Memory of Bill Knight and Family and Loved Ones, From June*

*In Memory of Ken Reynolds, a son, brother, father, husband, brother-in-law  
and uncle. With love from Sonia, Paula & Tim, Leah, Allen & Justine  
and Sarah Reynolds and Geralyn Lynch*

