



# 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 DECEMBER

Roger Crosbie, Jim Oakley, Jim Austin, Jeff Critch

## THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET DECEMBER 20 – DECEMBER 26

Sunday, Dec 24:	4:00 PM	Tree Lighting
Sunday, Dec 24:	7:00 PM	Carols & Candles
Sunday, Dec 24:	9:00 PM	Carols, Candles & Communion
Sunday, Dec 26:		No Service

## OFFICE HOURS (DEC 21 – DEC 23)

<b>Office Hours:</b>	Tuesday	9:00 am	–	1:30 pm
	Wednesday	11:30 am	–	4:00 pm
	Thursday	9:00 am	–	4:30 pm

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## CONTACT REV. MIRIAM

Have a question or need to make an appointment?

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Poinsettias in the sanctuary are from June & Barry Hatfield

***THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN IS DEDICATED:***

*In Memory of my grandparents, Faith & Bob House, and my parents, Fred & Bobby Neil, From Leslie, Trevor and our children*

**GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

**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:**

**INTROIT:**                   Wexford Carol  
                                      Flute: Eda Lu

**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.

**REFLECTIVE MUSIC VU 7: Hope Is a Star**

4       Love is a flame that burns in our heart,  
       Jesus has come and will never depart.

       When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
       The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
       and none shall be afraid.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We are seeking—

**deeper faith, a place to belong,  
the feeling that God is here in this room.**

We are seeking—

**joy that overflows, the movement of the Spirit,  
a hand to hold, when alone in the dark.**

We are seeking—

**the freedom to be, the courage to love,  
the conviction to act in the face of injustice.**

We are seeking, but here in this space,

**We are found.**

Take a deep breath. This is your sanctuary.

**God is here. We are found. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**God the unexpected and undreamt:**

**In this holy season, instill your hope in our hearts.**

**Prepare us;**

**prepare us so we can hear again the song of the angels  
and see again the beckoning star. Amen.**

## **HYMN VU 60: O Come All Ye Faithful vs. 1, 3 & 5**

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:  
come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God in the highest: R
- 5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: R

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**Readers: Leslie, Trevor, Emily, Robbie & Keagan**

**Reader:** This has been an Advent season of prophets: Jeremiah, Baruch, Isaiah, Micah. And now the prophet is Mary—the woman who was the original house for the holy. She was “the inn,” her womb gestating love for the world.

**Reader:** With all her heart, she proclaims that the lowly are lifted, the hungry are fed, mercy reigns. Like Mary, we must envision, must see, must prophesy and act on that vision for the world that God continues to call us to co-create. What is the view from the room that God has prepared.

**Reader:** God’s love is like an open door.

**Reader:** God’s love is a warm bed to fall into.

**Reader:** God’s love is a table with room for you.

**Reader:** God’s love is the sun that streams through the windows.

**Reader:** God’s love is a home for you and me, for neighbors and strangers, for family and friends, for enemies and partners.

**Reader:** God’s love is a home for all.

**Reader:** Today we light the candle of love to remind us of this great love.

**Reader:** Today we offer the Light of Love. May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church. May Love awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality. There *IS* room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

Light Candle

Hymn: A Candle is Burning vs. 4

4        A candle is burning, a candle of love,  
          a candle to point us to heaven above.  
          A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
          for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### HYMN 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.  
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**

### 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 vs. 3

- 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

## GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

First Lesson  
Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18      read by: Charlie Pope  
God said, "Let there be light"

CAROL: Hurry Shepherds, Run

Second Lesson  
Isaiah 9:2-7      ready by: Linda Facey  
The people who have walked in darkness

CAROL: In the Bleak Midwinter  
Soloists: Evan Smith & Rebecca Sellars

Third Lesson  
Micah 5:2-5a      read by: Stephen Jewczyk  
From Bethlehem, shall come forth a ruler

CAROL: Mary, Did You Know?  
Claire Hartlen, Anne Jewcyk, Ben James, William Austin, Evan Smith

Fourth Lesson  
Luke 1:26-35, 38      read by: Carol Joyce  
The birth of Jesus foretold by Gabriel

CAROL: Amid the Winter Snow  
Flute: Eda Lu

Fifth Lesson  
Luke 2:1-7      read by: Charlotte Jewczyk  
Angels announce Jesus' birth

CAROL: O Holy Night  
Soloist: Rebecca Sellars

Sixth Lesson  
John 1:1-14      read by: Rev. Miriam Bowlby  
The mystery of the incarnation

CAROL: All Glory

## **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 48: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1–3)**

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!'  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King!'

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail, the incarnate deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! R  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King!'



3 Hail, the heavenborn Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King!'

## POSTLUDE

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

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

December 19:	Christmas at Cochrane, 4pm
December 24:	Tree Lighting & Christmas Story, 4pm
December 24:	CANDLES & CAROLS, 7pm
December 24:	Candles, Carols & COMMUNION, 9pm
December 26:	No Service
January 2:	On-line Service Only

**YEAR END DONATIONS:** If you would like to send a year end donation, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or place it in the drop box by the morning of December 31.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** Registration is now open for all our services in December including Lessons & Carols and Christmas Eve. We are asking everyone to register for church on Christmas Eve. If you don't have access to a computer, please call the office at 722-3023 to register.

**CHRISTMAS ON COCHRANE:** Everyone is welcome to join us for our newest Christmas tradition—a neighbourhood tree lighting. Each Week we will have Christmas Carols, special guests and a joyful celebration of community as each week we light up trees for hope, peace, joy and love! We will also be collecting food for Bridges to Hope. Here is a list of the items most in need: 1 litre Juice, canned milk, cereal, canned soup, canned beans, Mac-n-Cheese (ie kraft diner), canned pasta (Ravioli, etc) canned fruit, pasta foods/sauce, crackers, packaged meals (Sidekicks, Mr. Noodles etc), hygiene items.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG:** Strike the harp and join the chorus! St. James United Church warmly invites everyone to join in their Community Christmas Story and Carol Sing-along on **Sunday, December 19, at 7:30 pm!** (*changed from 7pm*) Come hear and celebrate the story of Jesus Christ's birth through readings, poems, music, pictures of artwork from around the world and sing Christmas carols! Music provided by St. James' talented musicians and singers with special guests, **Newfound Sound Women's Barbershop Chorus!** No charge; donations for Bridges to Hope Food Aid will be collected. Vax passes and masks required. St. James is an accessible, inclusive church. For information call 722-1881.

**O HOLY NIGHT:** Get into the magic of Christmas **with Shelley Neville** and her special guests: Cory Tetford, David Pomery, Peter Halleyand, of course, her Dad John and brother Johnny. Join them 8pm on December 19, 20 or 21 at 81 Cochrane Street. Tickets \$58.50 via [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or 754-2532.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 4 PM**

Tree Lighting and Christmas Story

**DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 7 PM**

Family Service

**DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 9 PM**

Communion

**JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

On-Line Service Only



# MEMORIALS

*In Memory of all The Drodge Family  
who have passed away, From Betty Barnes*

*In Loving Memory of a dear and special friend, Margaret Elaine  
(Lewis) Dakins, From Ian Barrett*

*In Loving Memory of Rev. Fred and Eileen Bradbury,  
From Carolyn and Gerald*

*In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones who we are missing always  
and even more during the Christmas Season,  
From Cheryl & Byron Briggs and Family*

*In Memory of parents, Leah & Lewis Bursey,  
and brother, Gordon Bursey,  
From Doug, Joan and Family*

*In Loving Memory of Lori Claudine Evans  
and Other Loved Ones, From Jim & Rose Evans*

*In Memory of my mother, Ida Pomeroy,  
From Celeste Hawkins*

*In Memory of Loved Ones, From June Knight*

## **NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES**

Next year, 2022, is the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our congregation worshipping on Cochrane Street. I thought it might be interesting to look back 40 years. All "Notes" from November 14 to December 19 are taken from the 1982 Annual Report.

Christmas services were held with special music by the Choir and Mr C K Adams, our new organist and choir director. (Dr D K Peters resigned these positions in May 1982 after serving the congregation for 31 years.) On Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, the Family Christmas Eve Service and White Gift Service was held with a pageant, scripture readings and hymns. The Junior Choir was in attendance. The Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Watchnight Service was held in the church, and all were invited to the church hall after the service for a night of fun sponsored by the adult group, Pairs and Spares.

*Can you imagine the sound  
When the soul felt its worth  
A song of unbound joy  
A song of endless mirth*

*Can you hear the silence  
Sung on that night  
A choir of all is well  
The sound of all is right*

*Hear the beautiful music  
Hear angel bells ring  
It fills us like a fire  
And all we can do is sing*

*Can you imagine the sound  
Pure, beautiful and clear  
The song of our salvation  
Rising in the air*

**BY FRANCES MCNIVEN**