

Cochrane Street United Church

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December 29, 2019 **First Sunday After Christmas Day**

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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.
Following worship there is a time of fellowship.

USHERING TEAM FOR DECEMBER

Keith Bowden, Harold Grandy, John Bowden,
Eldred Butt, David Boone

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET DECEMBER 30 – JANUARY 5

Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, December 30, 2019: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday, December 31, 2019: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday, January 3, 2019: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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Cochrane Centre Contact information for bookings
709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

While Rev. Miriam is on sabbatical, Rev. Bruce Kearley will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals.

You can reach him at (709) 739-9025

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

Worship Leaders: Paula & Tim Reynolds

PRELUDE:

#560VU

INTROIT: O Master, Let me Walk with Thee

**O master let me walk with thee, in lowly paths of service free;
Teach me thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care**

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

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: Lord Prepare Me

#18MV

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise the Living God! Praise God from the heavens:

Sun and moon and shining stars, praise the Living God!

Praise God's Holy Name,

whose word speaks all things into being,

who is present in the expanse of the universe,

and in the voices of children.

Praise the Living God, our rescuer and deliverer,

whose wonder is found in the heavens and in all creation,

who comes in innocence, and with mercy.

O God, our light, our beauty, our rest:

With the appearance of your Son

you have brought us into your new creation.

Form us into your people, and root our lives in you;

through Christ, the Living Light.

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

POSTLUDE

MEMORIALS

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

In Memory of the Drodge Family, from Betty Barnes

*In Memory of mother and father, Leah & Lewis Bursey,
and brother Gordon, from Doug & Joan Bursey*

*In Loving Memory of Dorothy & David Peters, from son David
Peters*

*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*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Flowers in the sanctuary are from June & Barry Hatfield in memory of Alex, Violet and Ted Reid, who are her dad, mom and brother.

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

DECEMBER 2019 – JANUARY 2020 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- DEC 29 (11:00 am)** – Christmas Fables & Hymns (Paula & Tim Reynolds)
JAN 5 (11:00 am) – Epiphany (Oliver Dingwell)
JAN 12 (11:00 am) – Baptism of Jesus (Rev. Bruce Kearley)
JAN 19 (11:00 am) – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (David Peters)
JAN 26 (11:00 am) – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (TBA)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sunday, January 5 (12:15pm)** – Potluck Lunch with Cochrane Centre Tenants
Sunday, January 12 (11:00am) – Sunday School Commences
Wednesday, January 15 (6:30pm) – CSUC Council Meeting, Cochrane Centre Community Hall, Bannerman Entrance

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New Year's POT LUCK Brunch: The Church Council invites the congregation to participate in a New Year's Pot Luck lunch immediately after worship service on **January 5, 2020**. The residents at Cochrane Centre have also been invited to join us to begin the New Year with a community brunch. The Church Council looks forward to this gathering to mark the new decade.

COCHRANE STREET TENANTS CHRISTMAS BASKETS: As part of the Cochrane Street family, the congregation can provide a donation toward the purchase of grocery gift cards for the tenants at Cochrane Centre. If you wish to contribute, please place a donation in an envelope marked Cochrane Centre Gift Cards in the collection plate at this Sunday's worship service or drop it off at the church office.

YOUTH RETREAT: The First Dawn Eastern Edge Steering Committee for Youth Events is excited to be offering a one day Youth Retreat on **JAN 11, 9am–6pm**, at First United Church in Mount Pearl. As we are offering this retreat with **no registration fee, we are hoping that local congregations would be willing to offer to donate** to our event. Please contact Rebecca Pike (Rebecca.pike@nl.rogers.com, 764-3740) if you can help. Registration: <https://forms.gle/dquodShj32nAR9qQA!!>

THE UNITED CHURCH NATIONAL INDIGENOUS COUNCIL CALL FOR NONINATIONS: The National Indigenous Council has launched a call for nominations for several committees that will support the work of the Indigenous Church. These Committees include Indigenous Candidacy Board, Indigenous Justice Advisory Group (Indigenous Members), National Indigenous Council: Healing Programs Working Group, National Indigenous Council: Mission Support Working Group, and National Indigenous Council: Real Property and Capital Plan Working Group. Please share this information with people who might express their interest, or nominate others (www.united-church.ca/opportunities). **Closing Date: January 23, 2020.**

THE 12 STEPS – A Spiritual Journey: This course will encourage you on your personal journey in a safe and trusting group environment. It follows 'The Twelve Steps: A Spiritual Journey' textbook which is a working guide patterned after lessons learned from AA and based on Biblical teachings. To register or to inquire further about the program, email facilitator Ron Pellerin at ronp1755@gmail.com. Sessions are free with purchase of the textbook (\$20). Come join us Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:00pm, January 8 to March 25, at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Rd, St. John's.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Extract from a letter to the congregation:

"My friends, We stand upon the threshold of another year. Ere we step over it. Let us stop a moment in quiet thought upon our past and upon our future. True, the past is no longer ours, and the future we cannot read, yet we do well, in this living present, which we alone can call our own, to look back with wisdom, that we may look forward with hope....Let us grip the outstretched hand of Christ... to save us from every sin, to comfort us in every sorrow, to guide us and to guard us through every hour of the unknown future. Then whatever the year may bring us, it must be to every one of us – A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

George J Bond, your friend and pastor. Watchnight 1916-1917