

# Cochrane Street United Church

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## **December 8, 2019** **The Second Sunday of Advent** **White Gift Service**

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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.

Following worship there is a time of fellowship.

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## USHERING TEAM FOR DECEMBER

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

## THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET DECEMBER 9 – DECEMBER 15

Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance  
Wednesday: 6:30 PM CSUC Council Mtg Bannerman Entrance  
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

### OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
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## 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 Leader: Rev. Heather Sandford

## PRELUDE:

### \*INTROIT:

#### **People, Look East**

#9VU

People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love the guest is on the way.

## \*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:** Jaxon Martin and Heather Sandford

Reader 1: We are a people who seek peace.

Reader 2: *God has told us to turn our weapons of war into instruments that benefit all humanity.*

Reader 1: For God is to be among us,

Reader 2: *and we will see a great light in the midst of our night.*

Reader 1: In the name of that Child who was born long ago to become the Prince of Peace,

Reader 2: *We light this candle of peace.*

**All: For we are a people who seek peace.**

*The second (purple) candle is lit.*

## **SUNG RESPONSE: A Candle is Burning (vs.2)**

#6VU

A candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:  
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

## **\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**O God of Peace,**

**We seek the gift of your peace in these darkening days.**

**Help us to unwrap the gift of your peace,**

**Restore and set right our relationships,**

**Replace the darkness in our hearts with your light and joy.**

**Be with us in this time of worship,**

**Set us alight with your peace,**

**enabling us to bring your love and justice to the world.**

**In the name of Emmanuel, God-With-Us, we pray. Amen.**

**SCENE 1: HOPE UNWRAPPED** (*Isaiah 9:2-6*)

**\*HYMN: ALL EARTH IS WAITING**

**#5VU**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God of Light,**

**In this season of sales, shopping, and stress,**

**We confess how easy it is to slip off your paths.**

**We can become so focused on having good times,  
we forget to take the time to do good for your people.**

**We slip easily into Santa suits,**

**but find Jesus Christ an uncomfortable fit for our lives.**

**We find ourselves strangely jealous over the gifts others receive,  
yet we have trouble accepting those gifts of peace and serenity  
you hand out so freely.**

**Forgive us, God of Peace,**

**By your mercy, help us to walk the streets of your kingdom.**

**Make us alert for the signs of your grace and hope in our midst.**

**Teach us your ways of peace and reconciliation,  
that we may truly live in anticipation**

**of the coming of Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

The Good News of this Advent Season

is the forgiveness of sin and the promise of new life.

Our Advent God who comes among us,

Sets us free to love and serve.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**SCENE 2: PEACE UNWRAPPED** (*John 14:27*)

**SUNG RESPONSE: Hope Is A Star (vs. 2)**

**#7VU**

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,

giving a promise of safety and worth.

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.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE**

**OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN: What Child Is This? (vs. 3) #74VU**

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

God of Peace,  
We wait in eager anticipation at the coming of your Son.  
Accept all we offer to you this day,  
may it be used for the building up of your Kingdom,  
which is to come. Amen.

**ANTHEM:** Who on Earth Could Know?

**SCENE 3: JOY UNWRAPPED** (*Luke 1:46-49*)

**\*HYMN: A LIGHT IS GLEAMING #82VU**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER #921VU**

**SCENE 4: LOVE UNWRAPPED** (*1 Corinthians 13:4-8*)

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

**\*HYMN: AWAY IN A MANGER #69VU**

**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 BLESSING**

**CHORAL BLESSING: O Ancient Love #17VU**

- ancient love, processing through the ages;
- hidden love, revealed in human form;
- promised love, the dream of seers and sages:
  - living Love, within our hearts be born,
  - living Love, within our hearts be borne.

**POSTLUDE**

# MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Mrs. Barbara Crosbie,  
From Fraser & Henrietta Ellis*

*In Loving Memory of the Drodge Family,  
From Betty Barnes*

## CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

*In Memory of our Grandson, Matthew Johnson,  
and deceased Family Members.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.



**CHURCH COUNCIL** appreciates and thanks those who provided guidance and gave up their time and effort to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. Thank you to Gerry Penney, Jordan & Margaret Thornhill, Rev. Eric & Marion Hillier, Paula Reynolds, Bill Evans, and Robyn McMaster. Merry Christmas to all and God Bless! Stephen Jewczyk, Chair of CSUC Council.

## NOVEMBER – DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DEC 8	(11:00 am)	– Rev. Heather Sandford (White Gift Service)
DEC 15	(11:00 am)	– Oliver Dingwell
DEC 22	(11:00 am)	– Oliver Dingwell (Lessons & Carols)
DEC 24	( 7:00 pm)	– Oliver Dingwell (Family Service)
DEC 24	( 9:00 pm)	– Oliver Dingwell, Rev. Karen Thorne (Communion Service)
DEC 29	(11:00 am)	– Paula & Tim Reynolds (Christmas Fables & Hymns)

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Wednesday, December 11 – CSUC Council Mtg, Bannerman Entrance (6:30pm)**

**Monday, December 16 – Beer & Hymns, Bridie Molloy's (7:00pm)**

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS:** Just a friendly reminder that Christmas memorials need to be received by the office by December 18.

**WHITE GIFT Service December 8:** The Sunday School Children will be leading the worship service for White Gift Sunday. During the service there will be a White Gift Offering of non-perishable food or financial donations for Bridges To Hope. If you provide a financial donation, please place it in an envelope and title the envelope as "Bridges To Hope Donation" then place the envelope in the collection plate. Thanks for your generosity which helps others and does important work in our community.

**COCHRANE CENTRE TENANTS:** First Light (FL) is doing up baskets for each of the 15 Cochrane Centre tenants for Christmas. As part of the Cochrane Centre community, the congregation has the opportunity to contribute to these tenants as part of our community outreach. There are already a lot of hygiene items and winter accessories, so some small grocery gift cards would be an excellent addition to the baskets (ex. Belbins, Sobeys, Colemans, Shoppers, Lawtons). If you are interested in helping to share the joy, please submit your donation of gift cards to the church office by Wednesday, December 18. Office hours are 10am–3pm, Tues – Thurs.

**BEER & HYMNS:** The next Beer and Hymns is Monday, **December 16**, at Bridie Molloy's, 7pm. Bring a friend and sing some Christmas hymns!!

**CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH:** Council is attempting to hold a Christmas Messy church event for Saturday, **December 21**, at 4pm, for the children of our church. To make this happen, we need volunteers to set up the space, do the gift bags for the kids from Santa, volunteers to cook and volunteers to clean up. If you wish to volunteer to make this event a festive time for the children of the church, please contact the church office (722-3023, [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com)) or contact Stephen Jewczyk, congregation chair, at [sjewczyk@gmail.com](mailto:sjewczyk@gmail.com).

**COFFEE TIME HOSTS:** We urgently require volunteers to serve coffee after Church, in order to give a break to the few people who have done it for a long time. There is a list by the entrance to the community hall where you can enter your name for a specific Sunday. Your help is very much appreciated!

**THE UNITED CHURCH BOOKSTORE** is seeking volunteers to help with inventory. The days selected to do inventory are December 16-20. More hands make light work. If you have any time to give to help out with inventory please contact Leona Laundry at 1-800-268-3781 ext. 6141 or [l laundry@united-church.ca](mailto:l laundry@united-church.ca).

**YOUTH RETREAT:** The First Dawn Eastern Edge Steering Committee for Youth Events is excited to be offering a one day Youth Retreat on January 11, from 9am–6pm, at First United Church in Mount Pearl. In preparation for this event, we are looking for some food donations:

**MEALS**

Macaroni & Cheese  
Wraps  
Lettuce & Lettuce Wraps  
Cheese  
Tomatoes

Peppers  
Deli Meats  
Sour Cream  
Mayo  
Ranch  
Mustard

**SNACKS**

Baby Carrots  
Fruit  
Baked Goodies  
Chips & Salsa  
Cheese Strings

As we are offering this retreat with no registration fee, we are hoping that local congregations would be willing to offer to donate some of the following to our event. Please contact Rebecca Pike ([Rebecca.pike@nl.rogers.com](mailto:Rebecca.pike@nl.rogers.com), 764-3740) if you are willing to donate. We can inform the congregational contact we have how much we need of the items on January 7, 2020. Registration is now live online at <https://forms.gle/dquodShj32nAR9cQA!!>

**CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL:** This annual community vigil is held to remember those who died by suicide and to support survivors of suicide loss. Gather in music, poems, prayers and candle lighting. You are invited to bring a framed photograph of your loved one to be displayed during the vigil. Music by Shelley Neville, Peter Halley, Judy Brazil, Dan Dillon & Shannon Power. Please feel free to bring along sandwiches/cookies for tea following the vigil. This vigil is open to everyone regardless of faith! All are welcome.

**Date:** Sunday, December 8, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Location:** St. Mark's Church, 203 Logy Bay Road, St. John's

**Parking:** St. Mark's Church parking lot

**Hope for the Holidays – Christmas with The Salvation Army** DEC 14, 7 pm.  
The Salvation Army is excited to announce its second annual Christmas concert featuring NewFound Brass, The Salvation Army Festive Chorus and performances by our Guest Star, Darrin Martin at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, 1 Cornwall Crescent, St. John's! Tickets \$25 can be purchased at [hollyheart-theatre.com](http://hollyheart-theatre.com) or 579-4424. Also available at The SL NL Divison Office, Village Mall.

**NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES**

On November 20, 1953, the Sunday School held a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet (1878-1953). You may remember that the beginnings of our congregation began in 1878 with Sabbath School classes in the Old Temperance Hall, now the Resource Centre for the Arts, Victoria Street.