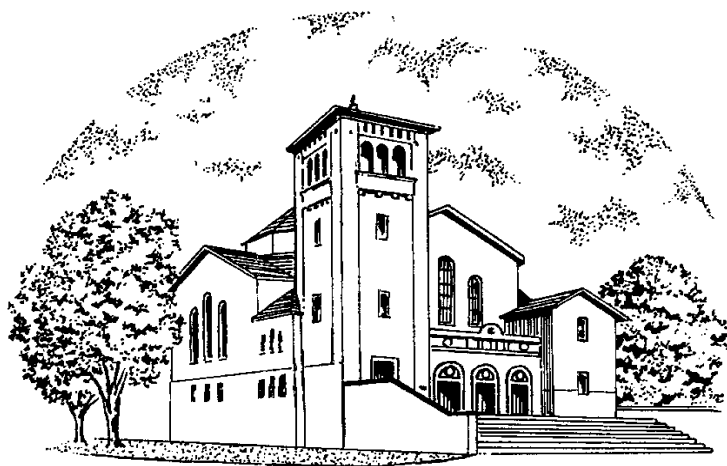


# Cochrane Street United Church

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## January 6, 2019 Epiphany Sunday

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*This week's bulletin is dedicated by Heather McMaster  
with Thanks and Appreciation to Evan and the Choir  
for their wonderful Gifts of Music*

## **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

### **PRELUDE:**

#### **\*INTROIT HYMN # 81: As with Gladness Men of Old**

As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore your splendour see.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
to that lowly manger bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
Christ, whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with eager pace  
ever seek your throne of grace.

#### **\*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: We Three Kings**

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

**O star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.  
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain**

Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.   **R**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
    **and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
    **but the Lord will arise upon you,**  
    **and his glory will appear over you.**  
Nations shall come to your light,  
    **and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**  
The people who walked in darkness  
    **have seen a great light;**  
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,  
    **on them light has shined.**  
Let us celebrate the Light of the world,  
    **for upon us has the Light shined.**

**\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

O God, Shaper of Stars,  
Your light dances across eternity,  
Dazzle us into your presence this new year.  
Open our hearts to the mystery of your love.  
Awaken us to your presence in the midst of daily life.  
Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.  
Make yourself known to us, we pray,  
    with news that is good,  
    with hope that holds,  
    with truth that transforms the world.  
May your Word of grace guide our steps,  
like the sun by day and the stars by night,  
as we travel into this new year. Amen.

**\*HYMN:**                   In the Darkness Shines the Splendor

**#92**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

God of light and darkness,  
we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us,  
but we have turned away and followed other paths.  
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart,  
with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

**Forgive us, Holy One.  
Strengthen our faltering steps  
and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God's light is present in this world.  
Present in the birth of child, born as a gift to us all.  
Present in the star that shines to guide us to love.  
God's light is in the world and the darkness did not overcome it.  
God's grace is in the world, and our mis-steps will not overcome it.  
We are loved, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**\*HYMN**                      The First Nowell                      #91 vs 4 - 6

## OFFERING INVITATION & OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN: In the Bleak Midwinter #55 vs. 4**

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him - give my heart

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**God of ancient story,  
In Jesus you became the Word made flesh.  
As we hear your Word this day:**

**Open our hearts,  
Open our eyes,  
Open our lives,**

**So that we may see your light shining to us  
within your Living Word. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 60:1-6**

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

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 72 (pg. 790VU – Parts 1 & 2)**

## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12**

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

### **ANTHEM:**

**SERMON:** Oliver Dingwell

**\*HYMN** Will You Come and See the Light? **#96**

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

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** A Light is Gleaming **#82**

### **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 #81 vs 4 & 5: As with Gladness Men of Old**

Holy Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds your glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright  
none shall need created light;  
you its light, its joy, its crown,  
you its sun which goes not down;  
there for ever may we sing  
hallelujah to our King.

### **POSTLUDE**

**Announcements:** If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, please have it into the office by Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

**No Scents Makes Good Sense!** A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Reactions can vary from not being able to breathe to severe headaches. Thank you for helping.

**The Epiphany Guest Preacher** for Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, is our very own Oliver Dingwell!

**Sunday morning readers:** Are you interested in reading scripture in church on Sunday morning? If so please let us know! If you are, call or email the office at 722-3023 or [info@cochraneStreetUC.com](mailto:info@cochraneStreetUC.com).

**POTLUCK SUNDAY, JANUARY 6:** Old Christmas Day we're having potluck with our tenants and First Light staff. Please bring something for you and something to share.

**CONGREGATONAL Strategic Planning Session:** The Church Council recently held a strategic planning session regarding Cochrane Street United Church. A number of initiatives were identified which will be provided in a report to the congregation shortly. One of the initiatives was the holding of a strategic planning session for the congregation where the Council's report will be discussed and the Council will be seeking feedback and input into future initiatives from the congregation.

This session is scheduled for **Saturday, January 12, 2019**, from **10 am** to 2 pm in the main meeting hall of Cochrane Centre. This is an open invitation to all members of the congregation. We will be holding a **pot luck** lunch during the session so we will **require advanced notice of those who will be attending** to ensure we have sufficient food. Please confirm your attendance by contacting the church office by telephone at 722-3023 or by email at [info@cochraneStreetUC.com](mailto:info@cochraneStreetUC.com).

**RENAMING OF REGION 16:** *Congratulations to Kathleen Taylor and our very own Stephen Jewczyk for winning the contest for renaming Region 16!!!* The Transition Commission for Region 16 has chosen, by consensus: **First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council**. Thank you for the many good submissions for the name of our new region. This is a joining together of two concepts that were submitted in two separate submissions in our naming competition.

**Recyclables:** Are you cleaning up after Christmas? Drop off your recyclables at any Green Depot and use the Cochrane Street Code (our phone number) 7223023. Your empty containers will support the ministries of our congregation! Thank you in advance for your help.

**ZATOUN OLIVE OIL – OUTREACH PROJECT:** Gower Street United Church are distributors for Zatoun Olive Oil for \$20.00 a bottle as an Outreach Project. Several United Churches and the Presbyterian Church are participating in this project. Zatoun is Fair Trade Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Proceeds benefit farmers and children living in occupied Palestine and create awareness for peace in Palestine. If you wish to purchase this oil, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or Stephen Jewczyk (after church or at 753-6265 or [sjewczyk@gamil.com](mailto:sjewczyk@gamil.com)). ***If paying by cheque, please make it out to Gower Street United Church.***

### **GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION SESSION**

*Grief is a process some call a journey.*

Please join Rev. Dr. Peter Barnes Regional Coordinator of Bereavement Services, Eastern Health on January 8, 2019, from 7 – 9 p.m. in the Cafeteria Conference Room L.A. Miller Centre. This two-hour session is free and open to the public. It will provide information on understanding grief, guide you through the grieving process, and provide tips on what you can do to help ourselves and others during times of grief. There are short videos, discussions and sharing (optional) of thoughts and feelings on grief. For Further Information, you can contact Peter Barnes at 777-2167 ([peter.barnes@easternhealth.ca](mailto:peter.barnes@easternhealth.ca)) or Mag Snook at 777-8972 (Email [margaret.snook@easternhealth.ca](mailto:margaret.snook@easternhealth.ca)).

### **NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES**

On Wednesday Jan 19 1921 at 8:15pm in Cochrane Street Centennial Church Lecture Room

“Impressions Abroad” by Hon R A Squires, Prime Minister [and a member of the congregation]

Musical selections by the choir assisted by other Vocalists

Admission 25 cents, proceeds in aid of the Choir Fund

## *MEMORIALS*

*In memory of Ida Pomeroy from Frank & Celeste Hawkins*

*In memory of father & grandfather, Reginald Howell,  
from son, Oscar, and family*

*In memory of Helen & Horwood Guzzwell and Ann & Bill Bourne  
from nieces, Ruth and Catherine Davidge*

*In memory of Grandparents, Jesse & Levi Drodge,  
Parents, Olive & Ralph Barnes,  
from Betty Barnes*

*In memory of our loved ones,  
From Cheryl, Byron, Ellice, and Allannah*

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

*In memory of Mother and Father, Irene & Walter Tucker,  
from Linda Facey*

*In loving memory of my daughter, Barbara Garland,  
and grandson, Chad Mercer,  
from Joan Garland*

*In memory of Ken Reynolds,  
a son, brother, husband, father, and uncle,  
from Sonia, Paula & Tim, Geralyn, Leah, Allen & Sarah*

*In memory of Grace Oakley  
from Judy & Ed Stratton*