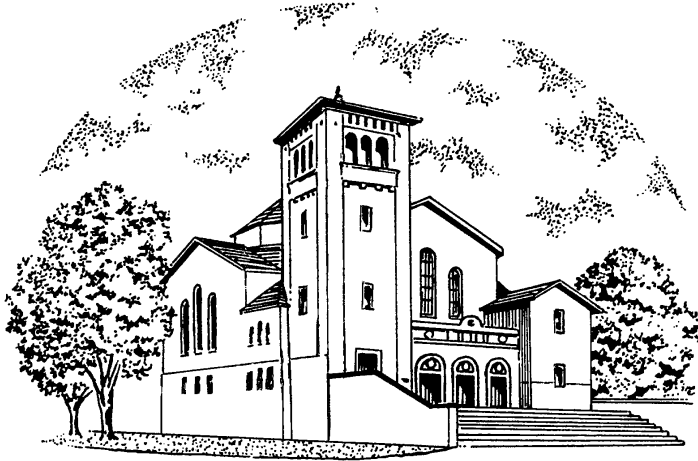


# Cochrane Street United Church

81 Cochrane Street ♦ St. John's, NL ♦ A1C 3L7



## January 12, 2020 First Sunday after Epiphany

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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 JANUARY

Peter Crosbie, Harris Flight, Brian Johnston

## THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET JANUARY 13 – JANUARY 19

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

## OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Wednesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Thursdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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709-754-2532 or [info@cochranecentre.ca](mailto: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 Leader: Rev. Bruce Kearley

### **PRELUDE:**

**\*INTROIT: A Light Is Gleaming # 82VU (chorus)**

A light is gleaming,  
spreading its arms throughout the night,  
living in the light.

Come share its gladness,  
God's radiant love is burning bright,  
Living in the light.

### **\*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: Jesu tawa pano #189MV  
(Jesus We Are Here)**

*Jesu tawa pano; Jesu tawa pano;  
Jesu tawa pano; tawa pano, mu zita renyu.  
Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;  
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.*

#### **\*Call to Worship:**

Drink deep of God's love.

**God's love endures forever!**

Drink deep of God's Spirit.

**God's Spirit endures forever!**

Feast on the abundance of God's gifts.

**God's gifts never end!**

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

**O wondrous God,**

**on this holy day,**

**we gather together once again**

**to celebrate your presence among us.**

**May this time of worship  
strengthen and refresh us,  
and fill us with such joy  
that we cannot help but share it  
with everyone around us. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: Songs of Thankfulness & Praise #101VU**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Generous God, you give us the gift of your Spirit,  
but we confess that we have not known how to use it.**

**You send us the Spirit of courage,  
but we have been afraid.**

**You send us the Spirit of truth,  
but we cling to our illusions.**

**You send us the Spirit of healing,  
but we cannot let go of our hurts.**

**Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again:  
shake our hearts,**

**set our souls on fire with your love:**

**send us out into the world**

**rejoicing in your power.**

**We ask for your help**

**to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**This is the Good News in Jesus Christ:**

**God loves us more than we love ourselves.**

**God set us free from our sins to love others.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*HYMN: When Jesus came to be Baptised #100VU**

**OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY:**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN: Asante Sana Yesu #88MV**

**I thank you, thank you, Jesus, I thank you, thank you, Jesus,  
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.**

**I thank you, thank you, Jesus, I thank you, thank you, Jesus,  
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

## GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

Eternal God, In the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard; In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 42: 1–9**

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God  
Reader: Sandra Stavlo

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29 (pg. 756 VU)**

Reader: Rev. Eric Hillier

### **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:13-17**

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God

**ANTHEM:** Amen! Go Tell It!

**SERMON:** Possibilities Unfolding

**HYMN:** I have Called You by your Name #161MV

## GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **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.

\*HYMN:

O Master let me Walk with Thee

#560VU

## COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION:

### CHORAL BENEDICTION: I'm Gonna Shout

#183MV

I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out my love for Jesus, for Jesus!  
I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out my love for God's most holy child!  
For whatever I might do today,  
At home, at school, at work, at play,  
I've got Jesus' love deep down inside of me!

## POSTLUDE:

## 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.

## JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2020 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JAN 12	(11:00 am)	–	Baptism of Jesus (Rev. Bruce Kearley)
JAN 19	(11:00 am)	–	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (David Peters)
JAN 26	(11:00 am)	–	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (Rebecca Pike)
FEB 2	(11:00 am)	–	Communion (Rev. Eric Hillier)
FEB 9	(11:00 am)	–	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (Tim Reynolds)
FEB 16	(11:00 am)	–	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Eleanor Bonnell, Bridges to Hope ( <i>message</i> ) Stephen Jewczyk ( <i>leading service</i> )
FEB 23	(11:00 am)	–	Transfiguration Sunday (Rev. Bruce Kearley)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUN, JAN 12	(11:00am)	–	Sunday School Commences
WED, JAN 15	( 6:30pm)	–	CSUC Council Meeting, Cochrane Centre Community Hall, Bannerman Entrance
THU, JAN 16	( 7:00pm)	–	United Community of Faith Meeting Community Hall, Bannerman Entrance
THU, JAN 17	(12:30pm)	–	Yoga, <u>Community Hall</u> , Bannerman Entrance
TUE, JAN 21	( 6:00pm)	–	Mens' Service Club Mtg, Community Hall, Bannerman
FRI, JAN 24	(12:30pm)	–	Regional Conference Local Coordinating Cmte Mtg, 18 Cornwall Ave

**REQUEST FOR USHER VOLUNTEERS:** We are seeking more ushers for our January team as well as to supplement our other ushering teams. If interested, please contact the church office at 709-722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com). Your help is much appreciated!

**YOGA Flow Registration now open!** It's for 6 weeks from **January 16 to February 27** at Cochrane Centre, 42 Bannerman Street, in the Community Hall. Cost is \$39.50 (includes HST & \$5 Cochrane Centre Facility Fee). To register for the **THURSDAY 12:30pm** Yoga Flow, please click here: <https://sites.google.com/site/karmafitnessyoga/yoga-flow-registration-cochrane-st-church>.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** is **January 15, 6:30pm**, in the Community Hall. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Council Chair at [sjewczyk@gmail.com](mailto:sjewczyk@gmail.com).

**CSUC MEN's SERVICE CLUB:** The next meeting will be held at Cochrane Centre on **Tuesday, January 21, 6:00pm**. All men are welcome to attend and enjoy an evening of good food, great fellowship, and fun. For further information and to confirm your attendance, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.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!

**ENVELOPES:** Do you need envelopes? If so, please contact Harold Grandy. Email: [hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca).

**Stuff the New Shelves for Bridges to Hope!** Let's fill our shelving, generously donated to our church, full of the most helpful non-perishable food items: tinned milk, canned beans, canned meat, juice boxes or one liter of juice, cereal, Kraft Dinner, pasta, and pasta sauce. Bring your items to church on Sunday. Thank you for your support.

**RECYCLABLES:** 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! Can't get your recyclables to the depot? **Call the church office and we will arrange to pick them up.** Thank you in advance for your help.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** The St John's and Area Council of Churches invites you to join them at the Annual Service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, **January 19, 3:00pm**. Please include Christian Unity in your pastoral prayers.

PLACE Salvation Army Citadel, Adams Ave, St John's  
THEME "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2)

Prepared by the churches of Malta

SPEAKERS Lieut Col Eddie Vincent and Archbishop Peter Hundt

Yours in Christian Service,  
Rev Derek Krunys, President  
St John's and Area Council of Churches

**THE 12 STEPS – A Spiritual Journey:** This course helps people develop a discipline of reflection, become more present to self and others, and more. It follows 'The Twelve Steps: A Spiritual Journey' textbook, a working guide patterned after lessons learned from AA and based on Biblical teachings. To register or to enquire further about the program, email facilitator Ron Pellerin at [ronp1755@gmail.com](mailto:ronp1755@gmail.com). Sessions are free with purchase of book (\$20). Come join us Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm, January 8–March 25, at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Rd, St. John's.

## NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Laying of the Cornerstone of our first church - September 7, 1880  
(Part 2)

And handing the jar to Mrs. Shenton, the Rev. Gentleman [Rev J Shenton] said, - "I hand this glass jar to you to deposit in a cavity beneath the corner-stone." He then handed to her a silver trowel and mallet, and said,- "I hand these to you to lay well and truly this corner-stone, as symbolical of the firmness, and durability of the doctrines to be preached in this church, and the religious life to be enjoined and enjoyed."

The stone was then lowered to its place, and, having touched it with the mallet, she said, - "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I lay this corner-stone for the foundation of a house to be builded and consecrated to the service of Almighty God, according to the order and usages of the Methodist Church in Canada.- Amen." (*From the Evening Telegram September 8, 1880*) [Having a woman lay a cornerstone at that time was seen as an oddity.]