

# Cochrane Street United Church

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## January 5, 2020 The Feast of the 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 6 – JANUARY 12

Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street 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: Oliver Dingwell

## PRELUDE:

### \*INTROIT: In the Darkness Shines the Splendour (vs. 1) #92VU

In the darkness shines the splendour  
of the Word who took our flesh,  
welcoming, in love's surrender,  
death's dark shadow at his crèche.  
Bearing every human story,  
Word made flesh reveals his glory.

## \*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: A Light is Gleaming (Refrain) #82VU

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.

### \*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 worship the Light of the world,  
**for upon us has the Light shined.**

**\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Radiant God,**

**You are a light for all people and all places,**

**By the guidance of a star you led the Magi  
to worship the Christ Child.**

**By the light of faith,**

**lead us to worship you in peace and love,  
and guide us in your way.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN:**

**AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD**

**#81VU**

**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 all our 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:**

**My friends, Epiphany is good news!**

**A light shines in the darkness,**

**and the darkness did not, will not, cannot overcome it.**

**Through Christ's light which has come into the world,  
our sins are forgiven!**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*HYMN:**

**I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

**#87VU**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN: When Heaven's Bright (vs. 4)**

**#93VU**

When heaven's bright with mystery  
and stars still lead an unknown way,  
when love still lights a gentle path  
where courts of power can hold no sway,  
there with the Magi, let us kneel,  
our gifts to share, God's world to heal.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**God of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,  
just as the Magi brought your gifts,  
so we bring our offerings to you.**

**Send your light upon them,**

**and use them to shine your love brightly in this world. Amen.**

**GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**God of light,**

**You led the wise men to Jesus by the light of star.**

**We ask that you would light our way  
as we read your word this day.**

**May we discover, as those wise men did,**

**your message of hope, peace, joy, and love. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6**

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

**Reader: June Knight**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 72 (pg. 790VU)**

**Reader: Jalna McMaster**

**GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 2:1-12**

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

**ANTHEM: Welcome to Our World**

**SERMON:**

**\*HYMN:**

**THE FIRST NOWELL**

**#91VU**

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

## THE EPIPHANY RITE: CHALKING THE DOOR

*(All turn to face the rear doors)*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**and the glory of the Lord has risen among you.**

Let us pray.

Loving God, in your child, Jesus Christ, you clothed yourself with human flesh and revealed to us the holiness of all creation. Bless this chalk, that we who mark the doorways of this church and of our homes, on this Feast of the Epiphany, may welcome all who enter with a blessed hospitality. We ask this in the name of the One who come to share your reign of compassion and justice.

**Amen.**

May God give blessing

**to this place and all who enter here.**

May all who gather here give blessing

**to this place and all who enter here.**

Both crest and flame.

**Both stone and beam.**

Both window and timber.

**Both foot and head.**

Both gate and door.

**Both coming and going.**

Both young and old.

**Both wisdom and youth.**

Both guest and host.

**Both stranger and friend.**

God of all glory, by your guidance you led the Magi to Bethlehem by a star. As Mary and Joseph treasured the precious gifts which the travellers offered, may we welcome the gifts of all who gather here with warmth and friendship.

**Amen.**

May God watch over our coming in and going out

**from this time and forevermore. Amen.**

*The doorway is marked with chalk: 20 + C + M + B + 20  
(The year: 20 + 20. The Magi: **C**aspar, **M**elchoir, **B**althazar.  
The blessing (+): **C**hriste, **M**ansionem **B**enedica, meaning  
"O Christ, bless this house").*

*Additional blessed chalk is available at the back of the sanctuary if  
you wish to use them to bless your own doorways.*

**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**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION: In the Darkness (vs. 4)**

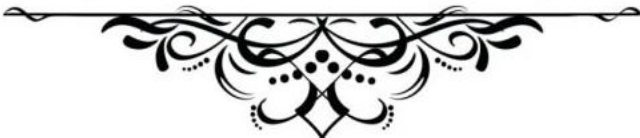
All God's people, sing in jubilation  
of the birth that sets us free,  
telling of the revelation:  
Jesus, God's epiphany.  
Celebrate the human story!  
Word made flesh reveals our glory.

**POSTLUDE**



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Rev. Heather Sandford and her family. Her grandmother, Aileen Francis (Bailey) Pigden, passed away December 31, 2019. The funeral service took place January 4, 2020, at Trinity United Church, Madoc, Ontario.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Holly Butt who passed away December 29. Her funeral took place January 2, 2020, at Carnell's and was officiated by Rev. Bruce Kearley.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Happy New Year From Your Church Council** – The Church Council wishes you all a Happy New Year and looks forward to the excitement, joy and fellowship of the coming year. Many events are being planned for the New Year with one of the highlights being the hosting of the 2020 Regional Conference Annual meeting, May 29-31. The Council looks forward to your ongoing support, participation and commitment to the work and life of Cochrane Street United Church.

**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 5 (11:00 am) – Epiphany (Oliver Dingwell)  
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 (TBA)  
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 (*message*)  
Stephen Jewczyk (*leading service*)  
FEB 23 (11:00 am) – Transfiguration Sunday (Rev. Bruce Kearley)

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- SUN, JAN 5 (12:15pm) – Potluck Lunch with Cochrane Centre Tenants  
SUN, JAN 12 (11:00am) – Sunday School Commences  
WED, JAN 15 ( 6:30pm) – CSUC Council Meeting, Cochrane Centre  
Community Hall, Bannerman Entrance  
THURS, JAN 16 ( 7:00pm) – United Community of Faith Meeting  
Community Hall, Bannerman Entrance  
TUES, JAN 21 ( 6:00pm) – Mens' Service Club Mtg, Community Hall, Bannerman  
FRI, JAN 24 (12:30pm) – Regional Conf Local Coordinating Cmte Mtg, 18CornwallAve

**POT LUCK LUNCH VOLUNTEERS:** Council is seeking volunteers to assist in setting up and cleaning up at the Pot Luck lunch this Sunday January 5, 2020. Those who can assist with the set up are asked to attend 10:15am to set up tables, chairs, place table cloths on tables and get cutlery ready for the lunch. Your assistance in the setting and cleaning up is very much appreciated.



**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.

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS – REMOVING & STORING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** Council is seeking volunteers to assist in removing and storing Christmas Decorations from the Sanctuary on Saturday, **January 11, 2020, 10:00am**. Anyone who wishes to volunteer and help out is asked to be at the church at 10am. Many hands make light work.

**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 [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com). or 709-722-3023 . Your help is much appreciated!

**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).

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**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](mailto:Rebecca.pike@nl.rogers.com), 764-3740). Registration: <https://forms.gle/dguodShj32nAR9qQA!!>

**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.

**THE UNITED CHURCH NATIONAL INDIGENOUS COUNCIL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:** 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](http://www.united-church.ca/opportunities)). **Closing Date: January 23, 2020.**

**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 Spritual Journey' textbook, a working guide patterned after lessons learned from AA and based on Biblical teachings. To register or to enquire further, 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 1)

The Rev. J. Shenton held up a glass jar, and said, -“This jar contains a parchment with the names written on it of the person laying this cornerstone, and the time of the ceremony, the Queen, His Excellency the Governor, the Ministers of the St. John’s Circuit, the Trustees, the Building Committee, the Architect, and the Builder, the Minutes of the Newfoundland Conference for 1880, a copy of the Gospel of St. John. The religious newspapers of the Denomination: the *Wesleyan*, of Halifax, *Guardian*, of Toronto, and *Watchman*, of London. The local papers and those of Newfoundland: *The Royal Gazette*, *Ledger*, *Telegram*, *Chronicle*, *Times*, *Advocate*, *Newfoundlander*, *North Star*, *Temperance Journal*, *Harbour Grace Standard*, *Carbonear Herald*, and *Twillingate Sun*, a Newfoundland Almanac, and the coins of Newfoundland. (From the *Evening Telegram* September 8, 1880)



# draw near to one another

by Sarah Are

When Adam saw Eve,  
the first thing he said was, "At Last."  
And when I fell in love,  
God became real faster than I could imagine.

When my brother was born,  
I learned the size of my heart.  
And when my mom held my hand,  
I knew the love that willed that heart to start.

And without them,  
how would I know love?  
Without others, how would I learn grace or music, confidence or trust?

And without the sun,  
how could the earth grow life?

And without you,  
how could I know God with green eyes, God with brown skin,  
God with wrinkles,  
God within.

So I have come to believe—  
we belong to one another.  
Families and friends, neighbors and strangers— We belong to one  
another.

And I have come to see  
the space between you and me  
as nothing short of holy ground.  
So take off your shoes and draw near. Together is where God is found.