

Cochrane Street United Church

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LESSONS *and* CAROLS

December 18th, 2022
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
LESSONS AND CAROLS

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

**bold is in unison

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge the territory in which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, and the island of Newfoundland as the ancestral homelands of the Mi'kmaq and Beothuk. We would also like to recognize the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and NunatuKavut and the Innu of Nitassinan, and their ancestors, as the original people of Labrador. We strive for respectful relationships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation and honour this beautiful land together.

PRELUDE: Of the Father's Love Begotten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.

INTROIT: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree (choir)

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

The light of Christ is with us.

Here. Now. In this place.

In Christ, although we are many,

We are one.

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 VU 7: Hope Is a Star v. 4

Love is a flame that burns in our heart,

Jesus has come and will never depart.

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.**

Sung Response: "The Holy Fire of Advent" v. 4

TUNE: Greensleeves English Ballad, 16 cent.

**The song of love first dreamt by God
is everywhere in dwelling
Its tune ascends and has no end
yet we're so often rebelling
We, too, can lift our voice
as saints throughout the world rejoice.
Transformed by serving all
the holy fire of Advent.**

Elana Keppel Levy, 2022

LEARNING TOGETHER:

***HYMN: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime # 71 VU**

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN VU 81: As With Gladness Men of Old vs. 3**

**As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Accept, O God, this money offered, these gifts given, the goodwill
of our hearts, and the love, faith and service to others that they
represent. May they help to do your work in our world, that
disappointment may be turned to hope, and worry to anticipation,
as we await with wonder the birth of Christ. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**O God, Emmanuel,
As we hear again the story of your prophets and your birth,
Quicken our imaginations to find ways
to welcome you anew into our hearts and world this season.
In the name of Jesus Christ, the One born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

First Lesson read by: David Peters, Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost his paradise and that his seed will bruise his serpent's head

CAROL: Carol of The Friendly Beasts by Robert Davis

Second Lesson ready by: Cheryl Briggs, Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who have walked in darkness

CAROL: In the Bleak Midwinter by Darke

Third Lesson read by: Carol Joyce, Isaiah 11: 1-9

The Peace that Christ will bring is foreshown

CAROL: The Linden Tree Carol arr. by Reginald Jacques

Fourth Lesson read by: June Knight, Luke 2:1-7

St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

CAROL: Candle Light Carol by John Rutter

Fifth Lesson read by: Matthew Milner, Luke 2: 8-16

The shepherds go to the manger

CAROL: Sussex Carol by Bob Chilcott

Sixth Lesson read by: Karen Critch, John 1:1-14

The mystery of the incarnation

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER

***HYMN: Joy to the World**

59 VU

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: Night of Silence (Choir with Congregation to join for Silent Night)**

POSTLUDE: The First Noel, by Paul Halley

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave the pew.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- DEC 18: CSUC – Church Council, LESSONS & CAROLS
Saturday, DEC 24: CSUC – Rev. Oliver Dingwell, NATIVITY OF THE LORD
9:00pm, Candles, Carols, Communion
DEC 25: CSUC joining Cowan Heights
JAN 01: CSUC joining Cowan Heights
JAN 08: CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey
JAN 08: MAP Information Session immediately after worship service
JAN 15: CSUC – Bert Riggs
JAN 22: CSUC – David Peters
JAN 29: CSUC – Bert Riggs

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

NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE! A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping.

PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR CSUC: While Cochrane Street United Church is without a minister, Rev. Oliver Dingwell will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. He can be reached at (709) 640-4632 or by email at: odingwell@cowanheightsunited.ca. If Rev. Oliver is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds pt2reynolds@gmail.com.

2023 CHURCH CALENDARS can now be picked up at the church office, available at a cost of \$6.00. To place an order, please contact the Church Office at info@cochranestreetuc.com or 722-3023.

DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: As per Canada Revenue Agency, only contributions received before December 31 will be included on 2022 official receipts.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST: Council has started the updating of the Historical Roll for CSUC. This project is a requirement for all pastoral charges. Linda Bowden, CSUC's archivist, is providing invaluable information and leadership for the project. Volunteers are reviewing the lists of persons on the Roll and contributing valuable additional information to Council. Anyone interested in assisting with the project should contact Brian Johnston who is the lead for Council with this project, through the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

THE COMMUNITY HALL RENOVATIONS: Work on the community hall is almost fully completed. The community hall is once again available for church related functions. Bookings to reserve the space will be through FIRST LIGHT. Should you need access to the building, please for the moment continue to contact the church office (info@cochranestreetuc.com, 722-3023) or First Light (754-2532) before arriving so we can let you in through the Minister's entrance/laneway or the church doors. Your patience and cooperation during this period has been greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING SERVICES

DECEMBER 24TH 9 PM

Communion

DECEMBER 25TH

CSUC Joining Cowan Heights

JANUARY 1ST

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MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Horwood & Helen Guzzwell
and Bill & Ann Bourne, From Anonymous*

In Loving Memory of The Drodge Family, From Betty Barnes

*In Loving Memory of a dear and special friend,
Margaret Elaine (Lewis) Dakins, From Ian Barrett*

*In Loving Memory of Helen & Horwood Guzzwell,
and Anne & Bill Bourne,
From nieces, Ruth and Catherine Ruth Davidge*

*In Memory of Mother and Father, Irene & Walter Tucker,
From Linda Facey*

*In Memory of Mother In Law and Father In Law,
Gladys & Noel Facey, From Linda Facey*

*In Loving Memory of Mom & Dad, Violet & Alex Reid,
and Brother Ted Reid, From June & Barry Hatfield*

*In Memory of father, Reginald Howell,
From son, Oscar, and Family*

*In Memory of Ken Reynolds,
a loving son, Brother, Father, Husband and Uncle,
From Sonia, Tim & Paula, and Leah Reynolds;
Geraldyn Lynch; and Allen & Sarah Reynolds*

*In Memory of my brother, Dennis Riche,
who was a member of your congregation, From Gerald Riche*