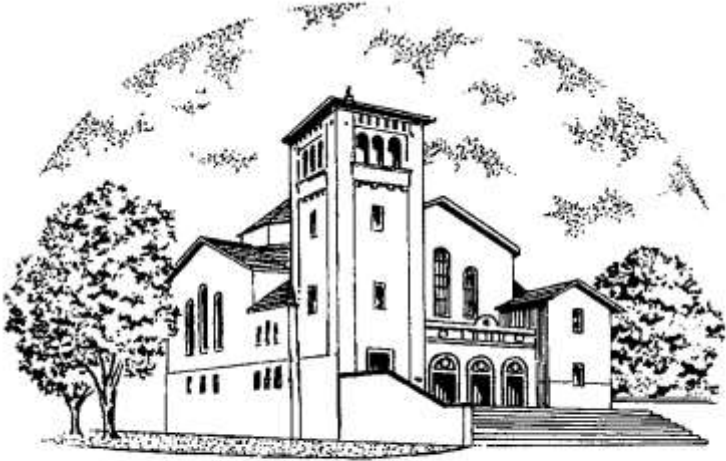


# Cochrane Street United Church

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



## January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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## USHERING TEAM FOR JANUARY

Jalna McMaster, Jo-Ann Kelly, David Molyneux, Frasier Ellis

### OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
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## PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

Rev. Peggy Johnson will cover all pastoral emergencies and funerals.  
She can be reached at (709) 685-9223

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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:

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.*

## INTROIT VU # 605: Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold

- 1 Jesus, teacher, brave and bold,  
let us serve you, young and old.  
Let us faith-filled workers be,  
all around, your wisdom see.  
Let us play and dance and sing,  
your goodness find in everything.
- 2 Jesus, friend, so strong and true,  
show us good, brave work to do.  
Show us those who need a friend,  
all things broken help us mend.  
Free our minds and stretch our care,  
teach us to serve you everywhere.

## \*LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

We light this candle this morning to remind us that Christ is with us. It reminds us that we are called to bring this light to others; that we are called to bring this light out into the world, the light of God's love, mercy, compassion, justice, and forgiveness. We are called. Will we answer that call?

**Many are the light beams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus. Many are the light beams from the one light; We are one in Christ. Here. Now. In this place.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

**\*REFLECTIVE MUSIC: How Bright Beams the Morning Star #98 VU**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**In you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

**Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths. From my whole heart I will sing your praise, for we are the work of your hands.**

**Let us worship.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Holy God, the little bird sings and it knows you, in whose glory life is bestowed.

Spirit God, the wind unsettles and it knows you, in whose breath life is bestowed.

Living God, the mustard seed sprouts and its seed knows you, in whose name life is bestowed.

Enduring God, the oak tree rises, it knows you, in whose care life is bestowed.

God with us, the children see and they know you, in whose mystery life is bestowed. In the works of our hands, may we also show that written on our hearts, your name lives and grows.

Eternal and Ever Present One, you are beyond us and before us. You are as familiar as the palm of our hand and beyond our complete understanding. Amen.

**\*HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You #232 VU**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Creator and Loving God, forgive us when instead of leaning into your wild ways, we limit one another through tamer imitations of life.

Forgive our need to confine and control others by placing them into prisons we have made for one another: worthy/worthless, insider/outsider, saved/damned.

Liberating Spirit, unsettle us with your extreme grace, that we would venture into the wilds of your redeeming and reconciling love, trusting the mystery that will always be both within and beyond us. In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

My friends, know that our God is a loving and forgiving God, who will always love us and forgive our transgressions if we repent and conduct our lives according to the ways Jesus Christ taught us. Forgiveness and a better life are ours for the asking. Amen.

**LEARNING TOGETHER:** What's so Special about January 21?

**\*HYMN:**

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

**#341 VU**

## **OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY**

*There are many ways you can offer your financial gifts. As you enter the sanctuary you may lay your offering in the plate. You can send your offering by mail or drop them off in the mailbox. You can donate via eTransfer: [csuctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:csuctreasurer@gmail.com). You can sign up for PAR (Pre-Authourized Remittance) or use the donate button on our website.*

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN VU # 541: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit One.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**We offer these gifts, O God, as a sign of our pledge, to serve you, not only in this place, but in all places. Accept and use them, and use us as instruments of your peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**READING FROM THE PROPHET:** Jonah 3: 1-10

**\*RESPONSIVE PSALM:** Psalm 62: VU page 779

**GOSPEL READING:** St. Mark 1: 14-20

**ANTHEM:** Star of Wonder, *by Alan Bullard*

**MEDITATION:** More Calls from God

*Reflective Music*

## **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.**

**\*HYMN:                    Simon, Simon, a Fisherman                    # 597 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.**

### **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION:**

**Rise! Rise in the glory of the One who calls us to be church, to be the living echo of the first Word, to be enduring love made flesh, to be committed with our whole heart, a living testament of generous love and justice come on earth. In the works of our hands, in the song that fills our hearts, in the praise that carries us home, rise! We rise in the glory of the one who calls us to be the church.**

**May the Creator uphold you. May the Redeemer restore you. May the Sustainer release you. And through this blessed grace, may you share the Good News of life, poured out for everyone and everything. Everywhere. Amen.**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION: (sing twice)**

Lead me, Lord, I will follow.

Lead me, Lord, I will go.

You have called me. I will answer.

Lead me, Lord, I will go.

**POSTLUDE**

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Sunday, JANUARY 21	CSUC – Bert Riggs
Sunday, JANUARY 28	CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson
Sunday, JANUARY 28	CCOPC Mtg (1 <sup>st</sup> of two) Event Space, Immediately after worship
Tuesday, JANUARY 30	CSUC Council Mtg, 7PM (ZOOM)

**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 create a safe environment in which we can all fully participate.

**PARKING ON SUNDAYS:** If the Bannerman parking lot is full when you arrive, there MAY be parking available at Stewart Avenue that's behind the building previously known as the College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CRNNL).

**PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR CSUC:** Rev. Peggy Johson is covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. She can be reached at (709) 685-9223 or by email at [peggyjoanjohson@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyjoanjohson@hotmail.com). If Rev. Peggy is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds at [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pt2reynolds@gmail.com).

**NEXT MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL** is scheduled for Tuesday, **January 30, 2024**, via ZOOM. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact David Peters at [davidpeters22111963@gmail.com](mailto:davidpeters22111963@gmail.com).

**THE GOWER SERVICE AND SOCIAL CLUB** is holding its next dinner meeting on Tuesday, **January 23**, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. The menu will be hot vichyssoise as appetizer, oven roasted park belly with potato & vegetables as main course, and mincemeat tarts for dessert. The after-dinner speaker will be Peter Halley of Spirit of Newfoundland. If you plan to attend, please let Bert Riggs know by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 21, at [briggs@mun.ca](mailto:briggs@mun.ca).

**2024 CHURCH CALENDARS:** There are still some left at a cost of \$10.00. If anyone is interested, **please contact the Church Office** (709-722-3023, [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com)) to place an order.

**REVISED NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**Cochrane Community Outreach and Performance Centre Inc.**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

On Sunday, January 28, 2024, immediately following the morning worship service, a special meeting of the members of Cochrane Community Outreach and Performance Centre Inc. (CCOPC) will be held in the event space at Cochrane Centre. As of December 2023, the five-year management agreement between Cochrane Community Outreach and Performance Centre Inc. and First Light has officially ended. The CCOPC Board of Directors has received and unanimously moved to support an ownership proposal from First Light. First Light's proposal will be presented to the CCOPC membership at this special meeting by Breannah Flynn, Director of Business Operations for First Light, **followed by a Q & A session and opportunity for discussion.** It should be noted that the Cochrane Street United Church congregation's continuing access to worship in the building would be guaranteed by First Light.

**The second membership meeting to be held on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, will provide an additional Q and A opportunity, after which a motion to support First Light's proposal will be presented to the membership for a vote.**

**BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH:** For each month of 2024, Bridges To Hope will be suggesting a much needed food item for members of our partner congregations to consider for donation. For the month of **JANUARY**, we are suggesting peanut butter and Cheez Whiz. Of course other non-perishable items are always welcome.

Weekly Flyer Specials for January 18 – 24, 2024 -- Items helpful for food hampers:

- Dominion - Graves Apple Juice - \$0.88 \*\*
- No Frills - No Name Canned Beans - \$0.99
- No Name Canned Vegetables/Mushrooms - \$0.99
- Clover Leaf Tuna - \$1.25
- PC Organic Peanut Butter - \$3.99

\*\* With PC Optimum Card

**STELLA'S CIRCLE SKATE IT FORWARD!** Donate your pre-loved skates today and spread winter cheer on The Loop! All adult sizes accepted – you can kindly drop off to Emmanuel House, 83 Cochrane Street.