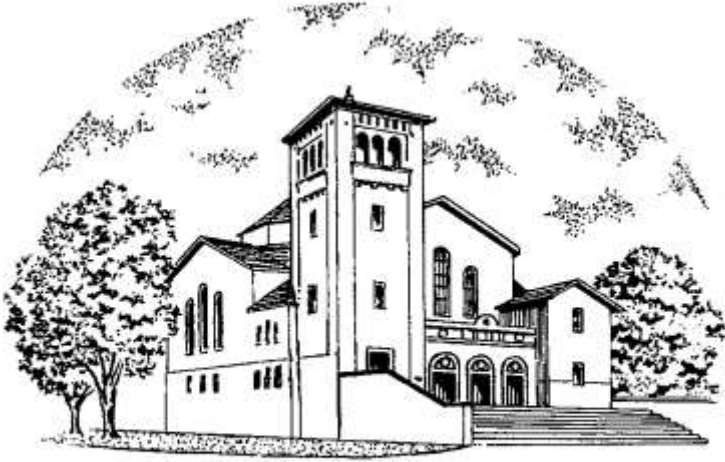


# Cochrane Street United Church

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**November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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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 NOVEMBER

Ian McMaster, Gerry Penney, Bill Squires, Blair Bradbury

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays      9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
                         Thursdays      9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
                         Fridays            9:00 am – 3:30 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 MV # 117: By the Well, a Thirsty Woman (v. 3)**

**May we be your streams of justice,  
as the water, may we move  
through your people by your Spirit  
showing mercy, sharing love.  
Jesus, source of living water,  
Ground-swell forcing truth to view,  
By the waters of our baptism  
set us free to live for you.**

## 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, here, we are one.

**Let our actions 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 MV #2: Come All You People**

**Come all you people, come, and praise your Maker,  
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
Come now and worship the Lord X2**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up unto the lord**

Leader: Let us come together this day to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

**People: For when we have been weak, the Holy Spirit has been there to sustain us.**

Leader: When we have sought God's presence on our journey through life, the Holy Spirit has guided us.

**People: When we have struggled with future uncertainty, the Spirit of the Lord has been there giving us hope.**

Leader: When we have sought understanding and wisdom during difficult times, God's Holy Spirit has shown us the way.

**All: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, now and forever" Amen**

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Lord Jesus, during your ministry on earth, you made known to us an ever-present God, full of compassion and love. You promised your disciples that when you no longer walked among them, they would never be left alone, for you would dwell within them. We thank you for this promise and for the reality of your presence with us here and now. Bestow upon us that peace which passes understanding. Calm our fears; erase our worries and soothe our troubled souls. Grant us strength for our earthly journey and confidence in the promise of eternal life. In your name we pray. Amen**

**\*HYMN: We Are One, As We Come (vs. 1, 2, 4) # 402 VU**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Compassionate God, we have a tendency to take on the stresses and strains of life completely on our own, forgetting the power of prayer and your gift of the Holy Spirit. Even when we reach our breaking point, we sometimes refuse to seek your help and your will for our lives. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us around. In our weakness give us the strength to submit our will to yours. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Leader: God the Creator brings us new life, forgives us, and redeems us. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life renewed, through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit as Jesus promised.

People: **In Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen**

**\*HYMN:                    Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus                    # 661 VU**

**LEARNING TOGETHER**

**OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN VU # 191: What Can I Do?**

**What can do? What I can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**Generous and gracious God, receive these gifts offered to your glory. May they be used to continue your work of love in our midst and throughout the world. Bless all who give freely of their time, their talents, and their resources, to serve in Christ's name. Amen.**

**GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**Holy God, prepare our souls to hear your Word. Silence in us any voices but yours. In hearing, may your voice implant your Word into our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen**

**SCRIPTURE READING:            Amos 5: 18 - 24  
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.****

**\*RESPONSIVE PSALM 119: VU # 839, Part 3, Refrain 3**

**EPISTLE READING:                Thessalonians 4: 13-19  
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.****

**GOSPEL READING:                Matthew 24: 36-44  
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.****

**ANTHEM:** And I Saw a New Heaven, *by M Archer*

**SERMON:** The Art of Living Until . . .

**\*HYMN:** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me # 575 VU

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SUNG LORD'S PRAYER (VU #960)**

**\*HYMN:** Blessed Assurance # 337 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:**

Let us go in peace to love and care for one another in the name of Christ Jesus. Let us remember that life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, quick to forgive and always be kind.

**\*SUNG BENEDICTION VU # 884: Your Shall Go Out With Joy (Isaiah 55)**

You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy

**POSTLUDE**

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

|         |             |  |
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| Sunday, | NOVEMBER 12 | CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson  |
| Sunday, | NOVEMBER 12 | MAP Congregational Mtg after worship service   |
| Sunday, | NOVEMBER 19 | CSUC – Bert Riggs  |
| Sunday, | NOVEMBER 26 | CELEBRATION OF LIGHT CANDLE SERVICE ( 7PM )<br>CSUC – Paula & Tim Reynolds<br><i>Please Note there is no morning service</i> |
| Sunday, | DECEMBER 03 | CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey   |
| Sunday, | DECEMBER 10 | LESSONS AND CAROLS<br>CSUC – Choir & Members of the Congregation   |
| Sunday, | DECEMBER 17 | CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey   |
| Sunday, | DECEMBER 24 | Christmas Eve Communion<br>CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey  |
| Sunday, | DECEMBER 31 | No Worship Service at CSUC   |

**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.

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

**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 College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CRNNL).

**Notice of Congregational Meeting – November 12, 2023:** On November 12, 2023, there will be a congregational meeting immediately after the worship service to discuss and vote on the proposed MOU between Cochrane Street and St. James United Churches. The proposed MOU will be circulated to congregation members prior to the meeting.



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

**CELEBRATION OF LIGHT** - Sunday, November 26, at 7 pm. The annual "Celebration of Light" is a time to remember those we love and celebrate special people and moments in our lives. We do this by lighting candles. The sanctuary will be all aglow with candlelight.

**THANK YOU!** A Big Thank You to our volunteers who assisted with the recent mailout. We are very grateful for your gifts of time and careful attention to detail.

**BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH:** For each month of 2023, 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 **NOVEMBER** we are suggesting crackers. Other non-perishable items are also welcome!

**LIGHT UP HOPE:** Join us in person from **6:00–7:00pm** on Tuesday, **November 28!** Featuring Kellie Loder with the Stella’s Circle Inclusion Choir at the Bonaventure Community Garden next to Holy Heart High School. It’s a heartwarming celebration of community, generosity and hope.

**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. Brian Johnston and Sandy Stavlo 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 Sandy Stavlo, who is the lead for Council with this project, through the church office at 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).

**THE GOWER SERVICE AND SOCIAL CLUB** will be holding its next dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 21, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. The menu will be poached salmon; the after-dinner speaker will be speaking on the history of Women’s Suffrage in Newfoundland. If you plan to attend, please let Bert Riggs know by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, at [briggs@mun.ca](mailto:briggs@mun.ca).

**ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH 65TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER CELEBRATIONS:** You are invited to the party! It starts on Friday, **November 17** at 6:00pm for 6:30pm. Emcee is Gary & Lou of NL Now. Featuring Wayne Button and Friends AND Rachel Cousins. Tickets (\$45) can be purchased at the church office during office hours, by E-transfer at [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjamesuc.org) or by Paypal. The deadline is November 10th. For additional information please contact the church office at [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)

**FIRST LIGHT EVENTS:**

**Spirit Song Festival** is a celebration of Indigenous Arts and Culture that has been running annually in St. John’s since 2013. Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> season, Spirit Song has grown into a multi-day event which boasts world class performances, traditional and contemporary knowledge sharing events as well as artist in residence series. All are welcome!

NOV 22-26 Sprit Song Festival

DEC 10 \* **Songs and Stories of Christmas in Labrador** \*

DEC 17 \* Songs and Stories for a Cold Winter’s Night \*

\* Tickets for all Songs and Stories events will be up on [firstlightarts.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca).

**EXTERNAL RENTAL EVENTS:**

NOV 14 Dan Mangan and Aysanabee

DEC 16 Jazz East Big Band Christmas Concert