

Cochrane Street United Church

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**November 26, 2023
Reign of Christ Sunday
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

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Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

Whether you are worshipping here or on line for the first time or this is your church home – welcome to our community of faith.

USHERING TEAM FOR NOVEMBER

Ian McMaster, Gerry Penney, Bill Squires, Blair Bradbury

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
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709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

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

***INTROIT #560 VU: O Master, Let me Walk with Thee**
O master let me walk with thee, in lowly paths of service free;
Teach me thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

LIGHTING OF THE 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 #18 MV: Lord Prepare Me**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come seeking Jesus, the Light of the world!

Shine in our hearts Lord Jesus!

We believe in the strength of God to illuminate dark places.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.

Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of your love.
Let your light shine through us, now and forever.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

We gather together in worship and praise.

Praise to you, God!

Praise to you for this evening.

Praise to you, God!

Praise to you for the great commission: to make disciples, to baptize, to teach.

Praise to you, God!

Praise to you for always lighting our way.

Praise to you, God! Amen

***HYMN: Jesus Bids us Shine #585 VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.**

**We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace
we continue to damage the earth.**

**Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
so that, as forgiven and renewed people,
we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

**Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;
know that our sins have been forgiven.**

May we be strengthened in all goodness.

**Since we have been raised with Christ,
let us seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.**

Thanks be to God. Amen

LEARNING TOGETHER

Candle Lighting and Messages

***HYMN: A Light is Gleaming #82 VU**

OFFERING INVITATION

***OFFERTORY HYMN #182 MV: Grateful**

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing, over all, O God of Love.**

**Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gracious God,

Accept all that we offer to you today.

Bless our gifts of time and talent,

as well as our gifts of money.

May they all be used for the building up of your Kingdom.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy Spirit,

Open our hearts to the story of your love.

Open our minds to new ways of knowing you.

Open our doors to who all you would welcome. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 34: 11-16

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God

***RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 100, pg. 824 VU**

GOSPEL READING: Mathew 25: 31-46

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM: Wishes and Candles, by S Paulus

Light – A poem by Frances McNiven

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***HYMN:** **I am the Light of the World** **#87 VU**

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GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 in 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: Go Light Your World (SEE INSERT)**

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

POSTLUDE

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

MEMORIALS

*In memory of my brother, Dennis Riche,
who was a member of your church until his passing in 1994.
Thank you for the good work that you do. From Gerald Riche*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday,	NOVEMBER 26	CELEBRATION OF LIGHT CANDLE SERVICE (7PM) CSUC – Paula & Tim Reynolds <i>Please Note there is no morning service</i>
Tuesday,	NOVEMBER 28	CSUC Council Meeting, 7pm (ZOOM)
Sunday,	DECEMBER 03	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey
Sunday,	DECEMBER 10	LESSONS AND CAROLS CSUC – Choir & Members of the Congregation
Sunday,	DECEMBER 10	Community Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Singing 6:00pm, Songs & Stories of Labrador 7:00pm, Cochrane Street patio area
Sunday,	DECEMBER 17	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey
Sunday,	DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION 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. If Rev. Peggy is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds at pt2reynolds@gmail.com.



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) to place an order.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHT - Sunday, November 26, at 7PM 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.

Next Meeting of Church Council: is scheduled for Tuesday, **November 28, 2023**, via ZOOM. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Tim Reynolds, Council Chair, at pt2reynolds@gmail.com.



Decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season: A Christmas decorating gathering for the sanctuary is being organized for Wednesday, November 29, at 10am. Anyone who wishes to volunteer and help out with the decorating is asked to be at the church at 10am. This is the time for joy and merriment!

CHRISTMAS IN LABRADOR - Volunteer Request: Sunday, December 10, there is a quick turnover to get ready for the event's songs and stories. First Light would really appreciate assistance with coring apples, tidying up the space, moving the piano, etc. Anyone who wishes to help out with the preparations immediately after the church service can contact the church office at 709 722 3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

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.

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 Stella's Circle on Giving Tuesday, **November 28**, as we Light Up Hope. It's our signature festive, FREE event celebrating community, generosity and hope from **6:00-7:00pm** at the Bonaventure Community Garden. The **family-friendly** evening will feature a live performance by JUNO award nominee Kellie Loder with the Stella's Circle Inclusion Choir, a fire circus performance, music from DJ Slim Macho and **hot chocolate & cookies** from the Hungry Heart Café. Together we'll celebrate the official lighting of the iconic Stella's Circle HOPE sign!

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 11th season, It 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 Spirit 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.

EXTERNAL RENTAL EVENTS:

DEC 16 Jazz East Big Band Christmas Concert