



November 2023

Dear Congregation Member

It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone, and we are about to embark on yet another Advent and Christmas season here at Cochrane Street United Church. With all the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, Advent and Christmas provide me an opportunity to relax with family and enjoy the peace and celebration of the season. I hope that you will find that joyous and peaceful state too this Christmas and celebrate your faith amidst the wondrous birth of our Saviour.

We have a full Advent program of services prepared for you this December starting with our first Advent service on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023. This will be followed by our special **Lessons and Carols** service on December 10th that will be led by our Choir. Also, on December 10th there will be Songs and Stories of Christmas In Labrador hosted by First Light and we will conclude the afternoon with the lighting of our outdoor Christmas tree on the Cochrane Street patio at our annual Christmas At Cochrane event. There will be carol singing and hot chocolate and treats for all to enjoy. So, December 10th is a special Sunday in our Advent journey this year.

Our next Advent service will be on the 17th of December and then we will have our Christmas Eve service on December 24th. All of our Advent services and the Christmas Eve service will commence at 11:00 AM and will be led by Rev. Karen Bursey. We will also celebrate communion at the Christmas Eve service.

I hope you will take the opportunity to enjoy your Advent and Christmas journey this year. Whether you enjoy our services online or in person here at the church I hope that they contribute to your feelings of joy and grace over this upcoming holiday season.

God Bless,

Tim Reynolds

Council Chair

