

Cochrane Street United Church

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December 22, 2019 **The Fourth Sunday of Advent** **A Festival of Lessons and Carols**

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Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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

Following worship there is a time of fellowship.

USHERING TEAM FOR DECEMBER

Keith Bowden, Harold Grandy, John Bowden,
Eldred Butt, David Boone

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET DECEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 29

Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, December 23, 2019: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, December 24, 2019: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Friday, December 27, 2019: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

While Rev. Miriam is on sabbatical, Rev. Bruce Kearley will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals.

You can reach him at (709) 739-9025

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Thank you for joining us at Cochrane Street United Church for our Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. Our Service this morning will proceed unannounced and as written in the Order of Service. You are invited to stand as you are able when indicated by **

Worship Leader: Oliver Dingwell

PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Oliver Dingwell

Dear Friends in Christ:

in these days of shadow and hope,
we gather to hear the story of our faith,
to hear the prophets' words of warning and promise.

In this Advent season,
as nights grow longer,
we wait with longing expectation
for the birth of a child
conceived in the darkness of Mary's womb.

As we prepare for the birth of that child,
Jesus Christ, into our world once more,
we remember that he comes to establish God's reign
of justice and peace on earth.

Therefore, let us go in heart and mind to Bethlehem,
to hear the song of the angel chorus,
to run with the shepherds to that stable,
to see the loving-kindness of our God,
the babe lying in a manger.

Come all you faithful, let us adore him.

PROCESSIONAL CAROL: *O Come, All Ye Faithful

#60VU

ADESTE FIDELES

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER: (unison)

**Mysterious God,
You come to us this season
softly as a mother's sigh,
and as startling as the cry of a newborn baby.**

**Come into our hearts, we pray,
that we might be cradled in your love
and stirred by your glory.**

**We pray in the name of the One whose coming we celebrate,
Jesus Christ, the child born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

SUNG RESPONSE:

Hope is a Star (vs. 4)

#7VU

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.

MOON BEAMS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:

The Ellis Family

Reader 1: We are a people who seek to be brought together by the
love of Christ.

Reader 2: *Our faith teaches us that God gives unconditional love and
forgiveness.*

Reader 1: For God is to be among us,

Reader 2: *and we will see a great light in the midst of our night.*

Reader 1: Acknowledging God's free gift of grace,

Reader 2: *We light this candle of love.*

**All: For we are a people who seek to be brought together
by love.**

The fourth (purple) candle is lit.

SUNG RESPONSE: *A Candle is Burning (vs. 4)*

#6VU

A candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

AWAY IN A MANGER

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN:** *What Child Is This? (vs. 3)* #74VU

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

GREENSLEEVES

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (unison)

God of Love,

We wait in eager anticipation for the coming of your Son.

Accept all we offer to you this day,

may it be used for the building up of your Kingdom,
which is to come. Amen.

WE HEAR AGAIN THE STORY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison)

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.

THE FIRST LESSON: *Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18*

God said, "Let there be light!"

Read by: Mr. Charlie Pope

Response: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Glow

Eric Whitacre

THE SECOND LESSON: *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

The people who walked in darkness.

Read by: Ms. Maggie Power

Response: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Listen to the Silence of Night* P. Choplin

THE THIRD LESSON: *Zechariah 9:9-10*
The promise of a leader, a reign of peace.
Read by: Mr. Kyle Galloway

Response: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***CAROL:** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* #44VU
CAROL

THE FOURTH LESSON: *Micah 5:2-5a*
From Bethlehem, shall come a ruler.
Read by: The Rev. Scott Parsons

Response: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Somebody Build a Manger/Run Shepherds/
Come On Down to Bethlehem* arr. Evan Smith

THE FIFTH LESSON: *Luke 1:26-35, 38*
The birth of Jesus foretold by Gabriel.
Read by: Ms. Patricia Young

Response: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *William the Angel* R. Matthes/arr. Evan Smith

THE SIXTH LESSON: *Matthew 1:18-25*
The angel appears to Joseph.
Read by: Ms. Paula Reynolds

Response: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***CAROL:**

Angels We Have Heard on High

#38VU

GLORIA

THE SEVENTH LESSON:

Luke 2:1-7

The Birth of Jesus.

Read by: Mr. Stephen Jewczyk

Response: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

The First Nowell

arr. Dan Forrest

THE EIGHTH LESSON:

Luke 2:8-20

The Angels announce Jesus' birth.

Read by: Ms. Samantha Evans

Response: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Angels in Seven

arr. P. Kern

THE NINTH LESSON:

John 1:1-14

The mystery of the incarnation.

Read by: Mr. Oliver Dingwell

Response: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***CAROL:**

Once in Royal David's City

#62VU

IRBY

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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 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.

***CAROL:**

Joy to the World!

#59VU
ANTIOCH

***PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE: (unison)**

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**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain!*

#43VU
GO, TELL IT

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

POSTLUDE

*Special thanks to Cochrane Street United Church Choir and their
conductor, Evan Smith, who have given great time and effort
into preparing this worship service.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE INVITATION: The Church Council extends a special invitation for all to come celebrate the joy of Christmas at our Christmas Eve Family Service at 7:00pm and our Christmas Eve Communion Service at 9:00pm. To mark these special services, there will be a time of tea, coffee and fellowship in the community hall between the two services commencing at 8:00pm. The Church Council wishes everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and joy and happiness in the New Year.

Announcements: If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, please have it into the office by Wednesday 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.

THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE: A heartfelt thank you goes to Bill Evans, Charlotte Jewczyk, and Robyn McMaster for setting up our historic crèche, now awaiting the arrival of the Christ Child on Christmas Eve.

Request For Usher Volunteers: We are seeking more ushers for our January team as well as to supplement our other ushering teams. If interested, please contact the church office at 709-722-3023 or info@cochranechurch.com. Your help is much appreciated!

DECEMBER 2019 – JANUARY 2020 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- DEC 22 (11:00 am) – Lessons & Carols (Oliver Dingwell)
- DEC 24 (7:00 pm) – Family Service (Oliver Dingwell)
- DEC 24 (9:00 pm) – Communion Service (Oliver Dingwell, Rev. Karen Thorne)
- DEC 29 (11:00 am) – Christmas Fables & Hymns (Paula & Tim Reynolds)
- JAN 5 (11:00 am) – Epiphany (Oliver Dingwell)
- JAN 12 (11:00 am) – Baptism of Jesus (Rev. Bruce Kearley)
- JAN 19 (11:00 am) – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (David Peters)
- JAN 26 (11:00 am) – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (TBA)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sunday, January 5 (12:15pm) – Potluck Lunch with Cochrane Centre Tenants, hosted by the Church Council.
- Sunday, January 12 (11:00am) – Sunday School Commences

Give Broadview Magazine! Special Gift Subscription Discount – only \$20 (plus tax). Makes an inspiring year-round gift for family and friends. Contact Paula Reynolds (325-2106) for your Order Form and Gift Card.

New Year's POT LUCK Brunch: The Church Council invites the congregation to participate in a New Year's Pot Luck lunch immediately after worship service on January 5, 2020. The residents at Cochrane Centre have also been invited to join us to begin the New Year with a community brunch. The Church Council looks forward to this gathering to mark the new decade.

COCHRANE STREET TENANTS CHRISTMAS BASKETS: As part of the Cochrane Street family, the congregation can provide a donation toward the purchase of grocery gift cards for the tenants at Cochrane Centre. If you wish to contribute, please place a donation in an envelope marked Cochrane Centre Gift Cards in the collection plate at this Sunday's worship service or drop it off at the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMENCING!! Sunday School will start up again on Sunday, **January 12**, at 11:00am. A **BIG** thank you from Council goes out to those members of the congregation, youth, and friends who have agreed to volunteer their time as curriculum advisors, adult monitors, and teachers for the coming months!

COCHRANE CENTRE AGM: Cochrane Centre Board held their AGM on December 5, 2019. The following are the members of the Board for 2019 – 2020:

David Tucker	Beverley Lane
John Perlin	Eric Coombs
Cheryl Sullivan-Critch	Lorraine Michael
Jim Carscadden	Reverend Miriam Bowlby, Ex-officio
Keith O'Neill	Reverend Faith March-MacCuish, Ex-officio

COFFEE TIME HOSTS: We urgently require volunteers to serve coffee after Church, in order to give a break to the few people who have done it for a long time. There is a list by the entrance to the community hall where you can enter your name for a specific Sunday. Your help is very much appreciated!

YOUTH RETREAT: The First Dawn Eastern Edge Steering Committee for Youth Events is excited to be offering a one day Youth Retreat on Saturday, **January 11, 9am–6pm**, at First United Church in Mount Pearl. As we are offering this retreat with **no registration fee, we are hoping that local congregations would be willing to offer to donate** some of the following to our event:

MEALS: Macaroni & cheese, Wraps, Lettuce & lettuce wraps, Cheese, Tomatoes, Peppers, Deli meats, Mustard, Sour cream, Mayo, Ranch
SNACKS: Baby carrots, Fruit, Baked goodies, Chips & salsa, Cheese strings

Please contact Rebecca Pike (Rebecca.pike@nl.rogers.com, 764-3740) if you are willing to donate. We can then inform our congregational contact how much of the items we need on January 7, 2020.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/dguodShj32nAR9qQA!!>

MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Staff, Board of Directors, and Volunteers of **Bridges to Hope Food Aid Center**. The generosity of your congregation's food and financial donations is the backbone of the important work we do and allows us to relieve hunger and restore dignity in our community.
Jody Williams, Manager of Bridges to Hope

THE UNITED CHURCH NATIONAL INIGENOUS COUNCIL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

The National Indigenous Council has launched a call for nominations for several committees that will support the work of the Indigenous Church. These Committees include Indigenous Candidacy Board, Indigenous Justice Advisory Group (Indigenous Members), National Indigenous Council: Healing Programs Working Group, National Indigenous Council: Mission Support Working Group, and National Indigenous Council: Real Property and Capital Plan Working Group. Please share this information with people who might express their interest, or nominate others (www.united-church.ca/opportunities).

Closing Date: January 23, 2020.

Miracle on Cookstown Road: Bridges to Hope is asking you to support our Miracle on Cookstown Road Campaign to enable us to provide support to thousands of people within our St. John's community that go hungry. During the Christmas Season, we will see a huge increase in our food aid centre volume. Newfoundlanders have always had a strong tradition of helping those less fortunate. That is why today, we are hoping to count on you to make a donation to ensure that no family goes hungry in our community this holiday season. No amount is too small! Donate via Canada Helps or viisit bridgestohope.ca/miracle if you wish to donate in person or by mail.

\$10 — Makes 20 loaves of Homemade Bread

\$25 — Makes 50 bowls of Homemade Soup

\$50 — 25 clients receive Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

\$100 — 20 kids receive 5 days supply of Healthy Snacks

\$250 — Feeds 10 families for 5 days

Overeaters Anonymous (OA). Are you struggling with unhealthy eating behaviours? Give us a call. We are a support group whose program is based on physical, emotional and spiritual healing. We are a Twelve Step program for people facing serious eating problems. Call 709-738-1742, email info.oa.nl@gmail.com or visit our website: oanl.org.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Service of Lessons and Carols, has long been a tradition in our church. This was originally an evening service, changing in 1971 to both morning and evening. However, in 1974 the choir presented its carol service during the morning service only, the tradition we follow today. For several years during the 1960s our choir travelled to All Saints Anglican Church, Foxtrap and St. Peters Anglican Church, Upper Gullies where they repeated the Service of Lessons and Carols, with their choirs joining ours.

UPCOMING SERVICES

DECEMBER 24TH 7 PM

Family Service
Guest preacher Oliver Dingwell

DECEMBER 24TH 9 PM

Communion
Guest preachers Rev. Karen Thorne and Oliver Dingwell

DECEMBER 29TH 11 AM

Christmas Fables and Hymns
Service leaders Paula & Tim Reynolds

JANUARY 5TH 11 AM

Guest preacher Oliver Dingwell
Potluck after church – bring something to share!

MEMORIALS

*In Memory of mother and father, Irene & Walter Tucker,
from Linda Facey and Marilyn Parry and Families*

In Memory of the Drodge Family, from Betty Barnes

*In Memory of mother and father, Leah & Lewis Bursey,
and brother Gordon, from Doug & Joan Bursey*

In Loving Memory of Dorothy & David Peters, from son David Peters

*In Memory of Ken Reynolds, a son, brother, father, husband,
brother in law, and uncle, With Love from Sonia, Paula & Tim, Leah,
Allen & Justine and Sarah Reynolds and GERALYN LYNCH*

*In Memory of my parents, Lorraine & Les Critch,
from daughter Karen Critch*

