

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.

USHERING TEAM FOR NOVEMBER

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin,
Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 6

Thursday: 10:00 Zoom Prayer Group
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

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

INTROIT VU #7: Hope Is a Star vs. 1

1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.
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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.

***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,
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 VU #17: O Ancient Love vs. 1

1 O ancient love, processing through the ages;
O hidden love, revealed in human form;
O promised love, the dream of seers and sages:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The nights are long and the days are short,

And we wait for Jesus.

The heavens are trembling with anticipation,

And we wait for Jesus.

The Star is rising in the East

And we follow that star

Waiting, hoping, preparing

For Jesus to be born among us again.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God of the unexpected and undreamt:

In this holy season, instill your hope in our hearts.

Prepare us;

**prepare us so we can hear again the song of the angels
and see again the beckoning star. Amen.**

HYMN VU # 5: All Earth is Waiting vs. 1 & 4

- 1 All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.
- 4 In lowly stable the Promised One appeared.
Yet, feel that presence throughout the earth today,
for Christ lives in all Christians and is with us now;
again, on arriving, Christ brings us liberty.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Readers: Blair Bradbury and Kylie Bradbury

Reader: If ever there was a year we need Advent, it is the year.

Reader: How to describe this year? We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2020. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

Reader: The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence."

Reader: So tear through the mess, O God, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

Reader: We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. This candle stands alone, a symbol that hope can persevere.

(The first candle is lit)

All: We hope that you can meet us, O God, even in the mess of our world. We hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE CAROL: A Candle is Burning vs. 1

1 A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

LEARNING TOGETHER:

HYMN VU 8: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung.
It came a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
she bore for us a Saviour when half spent was the night.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Robert Dean Rideout, son of Leslie Churchill & Trevor Rideout

Brothers and Sisters, we gather now to celebrate the gift of God's grace that is given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

We are one body and one spirit.

We have one hope in the risen Christ.

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism. One God and Creator of us all.

Out of the waters of baptism we rise to new life, forgiven of sin and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.

Presentation

On behalf of the congregation,
I present the following person
for initiation into the Body of Christ through Baptism:

Robert Dean Rideout

Profession of Faith

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil and to live in love and justice?

I do, by the grace of God.

Do you believe in the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit—in God, source of love, in Jesus Christ, love incarnate, and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in the mission and ministry of Christ's Church?

I will, God being my helper.

Vows for the parents:

Will you share with your child the Christian life, and seek to grow with her in faith, hope and love?

I will, God being my helper.

Vows for the Sponsor and Godparents

Godparents: Jillian Pitman & Spencer Chatman

Do you promise through prayer and example to support and encourage Robert Dean to be a faithful Christian?

I do.

Vows for the Congregation

Let us pledge our support and care for those being baptized today:

As a baptized and baptizing congregation, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within a community that worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice and resists evil. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

Let us with the whole Church confess our faith:

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Eternal God,
for you nourish and sustain all living things
by the gift of water.

You led Israel out of slavery,
through the waters of the sea,
into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed are you, O God.

In the waters of the Jordan,
Jesus was baptized by John.
and anointed with your spirit.
By the baptism of his own death and resurrection,
Christ set us free from sin and death.
And opened the way to eternal life.

Blessed are you, O God.

We praise you that in baptism
you give us your Holy Spirit,
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with a variety of gifts,
that we might proclaim the gospel
and serve as a royal priesthood.

Blessed are you, O God.

Pour out, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon this water
that this font may become our fount of blessing
and source of grace.

Blessed be the Lord our God, now and forever. Amen.

The Act of Baptism

I present to you Robert Dean, a member of the Body of Christ through Baptism.

Sung Blessing:

In God's circle of love, we hold on to each other;
I can see God's love through you.
In God's circle of love, we learn to love each other;
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

Oh Robert did you know that you are very special?
You're so special to us all
Oh come if you will to our circle of love.
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

In God's circle of love, we hold on to each other;
I can see God's love through you.
In God's circle of love, we learn to love each other;
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

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. You can sign up for PAR (Pre-Authourized Remittance) or use the donate button on our website.

OFFERTORY HYMN VU # 81: As with Gladness Men of Old vs. 3

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 all whom you would welcome. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1 - 5

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 126**

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

**The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

**May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.**

Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
**shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1 - 12

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO: “Once in Royal David’s City”

Meghan Herder

SERMON:

Reflective Music

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 VU 9: People, Look East vs. 1, 4, & 5

- 1 People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.
- 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the star is on the way.
- 5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

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

SUNG BENEDICTION MV #220: Hope Shines Like A Solitary Star

Hope shines as the solitary star.

Faith is the inner light.

You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,

And illumine the pathway home.

POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- November 29 – First Sunday of Advent 11 am
- November 29 – Christmas on Cochrane 5 pm
- December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent 11 am
- December 6 – Christmas on Cochrane 5 pm
- December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent 11 am
- December 13 – Christmas on Cochrane 5 pm
- December 20 – Lessons & Carols 11 am & 7 pm
- December 20 – Christmas on Cochrane
- December 24 – Jesus' Birthday Party (outdoors) 5 pm
- December 24 – Candles, Carols & Communion 7 pm

CHURCH COUNCIL appreciates and thanks those who gave up their time and effort to decorate the sanctuary for this year's Advent season. A good time was had by all. Thank you to Adella Tucker, Carolyn Bradbury White, Laura Baker, Sandy Stavlo, Faith Roberts Pike, Tim Reynolds, Paula Reynolds, and Robyn McMaster. Merry Christmas to all and God Bless!
Stephen Jewczyk, Chair of CSUC Council.

OUR CHRISTMAS MAILOUT is ready for pick up, located at the back of the pews. Please help us save on delivery costs by bringing envelopes to those who live in your neighbourhood. Your help is very much appreciated!

Advent/ Christmas Services: Attending special services during Advent/ Christmas is an important part of this season. It's also a time when we have many guests. We are opening registration to our church community first.

Visit our website on November 23rd to register. Services will be posted on social media starting November 27th.

December 13th is White Gift Sunday! We are collecting items for the First Light Shelter. This year the items most in need are: personal hygiene items (deodorant, shaving cream, soap, shampoo) and items to help people stay warm like hats, mittens, scarves, socks.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS: Just a friendly reminder that Christmas memorials need to be received by the office by Friday, December 18.

Christmas Ministries: Part of our community outreach this year will be gift cards to Cochrane Centre tenants. If you wish to contribute please place a donation in an envelope marked Christmas Ministries. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Nativity Scenes: Do you have a nativity scene at home? Send Rev. Miriam a picture of yours as an online Christmas surprise!
revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com

CHOIR: For anyone wishing to join the choir, please contact Evan at Evan.watts.smith@gmail.com

2021 CHURCH CALENDARS will be available later this Fall at a cost of \$6.00. If anyone is interested, please contact the Church Office (722-3023, info@cochranestreetuc.com) as soon as possible to place an order.

BOOK SALE: Every Sunday Henrietta & Fraser Ellis will have books to sell, \$2 each. If interested, contact the church office at 709-722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com or.

SHELLEY NEVILLE – O HOLY NIGHT: 81 Cochrane Street, December 21, 22, and 23, at 7:30pm. Tickets \$50 each. To reserve your seat, book online at firstlightnl.ca or call the box office at 754-2532. Due to COVID restriction booking must be done in bubbles of four people.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

A NEW BEGINNING! Seventh of 9 Parts

The Ministers of Cochrane St. Circuit at the time were Rev. C. Abner Whitemarsh, M.A., B.D., Rev. Levi Curtis, M. A., D.D., Superintendent of Education, Rev. George Paine, Supernumerary and Rev. H. Gordon Hatcher, B. A., B.D., on leave of absence, with the Trustees being Rev C. A. Whitemarsh, Chairman; Henry J. B. Woods, Arthur Mews, Archibald Lindsay, Henry Maunder, Arthur C. Peters, Edwin Parsons, Eugene Lindsay, Eugene F. Taylor, John Maunder, H. Norman Burt, Alexander Marshall, William J. Mews, George J. Janes, Wilson Clarke, and William J. Milley.