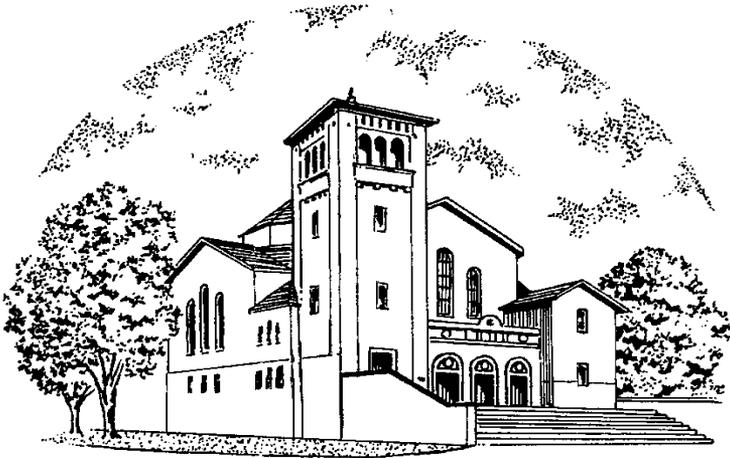


Cochrane Street United Church

81 Cochrane Street ♦ St. John's, NL ♦ A1C 3L7



November 17, 2019

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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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 NOVEMBER

Jalna McMaster, Fraser Ellis, Jo-Ann Kelly,
Sig Lenser, David Molyneux, Cecil Pelley

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET NOVEMBER 18 – NOVEMBER 24

Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Tuesday: 6:00 PM Men's Service Club Bannerman Entrance
Friday: 12:00 PM Regional Conference Local Coordinating
Committee Mtg (Stephen's Place)
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

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

You can reach him at EMAIL or PHONE

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

Worship Leaders: Betty Barnes and Heather McMaster

PRELUDE:

*INTROIT: **God of the Bible (Fresh as the Morning) #28MV**

God of the Bible, God of the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

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: **Lord, Prepare Me #18MV**

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 gather in this place as one family of God.

We come to celebrate God's presence,
and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.

We come as a pilgrim people
searching for ways to live out our faith.

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

*PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Fit us, O God, for this new day.

Through your Spirit, grant us courage,
so that today's uncertainties may not overwhelm us.

Through Jesus Christ, fill us with love,
so that differences may not divide us.
Through your creative energy, make us new,
so that the past may not enslave us.
Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life. Amen.

***HYMN: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS #288VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, we have sinned in many ways.
We have not loved you with all our hearts.
We have not loved one another as we should.
Sometimes we have let pride rule us, sometimes anger;
sometimes our sin has been carelessness,
sometimes resentment, or impatience, or greed.
Forgive us.
We need your love.
We pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Take comfort in the assurance
that even those things that are hidden from memory,
or are too deep for our words,
are not beyond God's forgiving love.
God, who knows us completely,
bestows pardon and peace.
We are a forgiven and loved people.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN: JESUS LOVES ME #365VU**

OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN Grateful #182MV**

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 VOLUNTARY

God of many good gifts, accept the gifts we bring this day. The
work of our hands and the fruits of our labour. May they be
used for the building up of your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, we
pray. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

God, the words you speak have power:

**power to create,
power to disturb,
power to heal.**

Help us to hear your Word for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 6:1-8

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Reader: Heather M^cMaster

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 121 (pg. 844VU)

Reader: Tim Reynolds

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 15:1-8

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

SERMON: The True Vine

***HYMN: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS #664VU**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

***HYMN: AMAZING GRACE #266VU**

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION: You Shall Go Out With Joy #884VU

MEMORIALS

*In memory of Jane Howell,
From Gary & Violet Daniels*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- NOV 17 (11:00 am) – Betty Barnes and Heather McMaster
NOV 24 (7:00 pm) – Paula & Tim Reynolds (Memorial Candle Night Service)
no morning worship service
DEC 1 (11:00 am) – Rev. Scott Parsons (Communion)
DEC 8 (11:00 am) – Rev. Heather Sandford (White Gift Service)
DEC 15 (11:00 am) – Oliver Dingwell
DEC 22 (11:00 am) – Oliver Dingwell (Lessons & Carols)
DEC 24 (7:00 pm) – Oliver Dingwell (Family Service)
DEC 24 (9:00 pm) – Oliver Dingwell, Rev. Karen Thorne (Communion Service)
DEC 29 (11:00 am) – Paula & Tim Reynolds (Christmas Fables & Hymns)

Thank You to the UCW: Council graciously acknowledges a contribution of \$600 from the United Church Women towards the operation of the church. Thank you for your ongoing support, commitment and hard work. Truly the “heartbeat” of our congregation.

Some of Cochrane Street’s Best friends are Volunteers: The Church Council takes great pleasure in thanking all the organizers, volunteers and performers for a joyous and successful concert, “Some of My Best Friends are Songs”, held on Nov.10. It was a delightful evening of music and friendship that raised \$2,400. Much appreciation goes to the host Sheila Williams, performers Grace MacDonald, Kelsie Scott, Kara Nottle, Darcy & Reagan Scott and our Cochrane Street United Church Choir. A very special thank you to our musical director, Evan Smith, who organized the musical program and accompanied most of the performers and sang two of his favorite songs. The evening was enhanced by the volunteers who participated as the welcoming committee and fire marshals. A very special shout out to the United Church Women who organized the intermission break with tea, coffee and yummy cookies. Once again thank you all for a great evening of entertainment and support.

NOVEMBER CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

A reminder that candle requests must be in no later than Wednesday, November 20.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

* There is no YOGA from November 18–22 *

Tuesday, November 19 – Men's Service Club Bannerman Entrance (6:00pm)
Thursday, December 5 – Cochrane Centre Annual General Meeting (7:30pm)
Community Room

2020 CHURCH CALENDARS are now available, at a cost of \$6.00. For orders, please contact Ruth Lenser (753-4628) or the Church Office.

CSUC MEN'S SERVICE CLUB: The next meeting will be held at Cochrane Centre on **Tuesday, November 19, 6:00pm**. All men are welcome to attend and enjoy an evening of good food, great fellowship, and fun. For further information and to confirm your attendance, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

Cochrane Centre Annual General Meeting: Please mark your calendars for the Cochrane Centre AGM to be held on Thursday, December 5th at 7:30 pm. The meeting will take place in the Cochrane Centre community room.

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!

Stuff the New Shelves for Bridges to Hope! Let's fill our shelving, generously donated to our church, full of the most helpful non-perishable food items: tinned milk, canned beans, canned meat, juice boxes or one liter of juice, cereal, Kraft Dinner, pasta, and pasta sauce. Bring your items to church on Sunday. Thank you for your support.

RECYCLABLES: Drop off your recyclables at any Green Depot and use the Cochrane Street Code (our phone number) 7223023. Your empty containers will support the ministries of our congregation! Can't get your recyclables to the depot? **Call the church office and we will arrange to pick them up.** Thank you in advance for your help.

ENVELOPES: Do you need envelopes? If so, please contact Harold Grandy. Email: hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca.

ZATOUN OLIVE OIL – The Church Council is again offering Zatoun Olive Oil for \$20 a bottle. If you wish to purchase this oil, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

BRIDGES TO HOPE is currently looking for a volunteer for the food pantry, preferably someone who can come in for other volunteers when they can not make their shift. For more information contact Jody at 330-9642.

Regional Conference Local Coordinating Committee Meeting: The first meeting of the Regional Conference Local Coordinating Committee for the 2020 Regional Conference in St. John's and hosted by Cochrane Street United Church is scheduled for Friday, November 22, at 12:00 noon at 24 Poplar Avenue. All those who wish to volunteer to participate in the local coordinating committee are asked to attend and to contact the Council Chair, Stephen Jewczyk by email sjewczyk@gmail.ca or telephone 753-6265.

Evening of Gospel Music: Please join us at First United Church, Mount Pearl, on Sunday, **November 17**, at 7pm for our Evening of Gospel Music with Blended Voices Choir, featuring the group 'The Right Fit'. This is sure to be an uplifting and inspiring evening of gospel music.

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL CONCERT: The Glenbrook Lodge Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their annual Christmas Gospel Concert on November 29, 7:30pm, at The Salvation Army St. John's Citadel, Adams Avenue, with a Musical Prelude by the St. John's Citadel Band Ensemble at 7:00pm. The Aurora Women's Choir from Conception Bay South will be featured, along with several other vocalists and musicians. Tickets (\$12) are available by calling Bernice Langdon (368-1850), Major Fran Duffett (745-5232), or the Glenbrook Lodge (752-8896).

Gower St. UC Men's Club 49th Annual Auction, Nov. 19, 2019: Silent Auction: 5PM. Ham and Beans Dinner: 6:00 PM (\$7.00—call the Church Office, 753-7286, to reserve a dinner ticket at the door). Main Auction: 7:00 PM. There will be more than 100 items, one being an opportunity to bid on accommodations for a 2-week vacation in Fort Lauderdale, Florida (Nu River Landing Condominium).

Begin your Christmas Season by attending the Bethlehem Market at St. James United Church, 330 Elizabeth Ave. on Nov. 30, 10am to 3pm. Admission \$3.00 single; \$5:00 family of 3 or more. Nativity Scene and live music in the sanctuary. Downstairs (elevator available): Bethlehem Cafe, live animals, bake and craft sale, flea market, carpenter shop and fish pond.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

The basement of our first church building (1882-1914) had a Sabbath School room of 50 x 12 feet and an infants' room of 34 x 30 feet. The latter had raised seats and was separated from the other room by folding doors. With two other rooms in the basement, the basement space provided for a main Sunday School area along with a primary room, class room, and library, which, by 1887, contained 430 books.