

# **Cochrane Street United Church**

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**November 20, 2022**

**Reign of Christ Sunday**

**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

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# Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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

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## USHERING TEAM FOR NOVEMBER

Keith Bowden, Harold Grandy,  
Brian Johnston, Sandy Stavlo, Sandra Garland

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:30 pm  
Thursdays 10:00 am – 2:30 pm  
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## PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

Rev. Oliver Dingwell will cover all pastoral emergencies and funerals.  
He can be reached at (709) 640-4632

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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:** in Ab, *by Bedard*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.*

### \*INTROIT VU #560: 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 MV #18: 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**

**#535 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**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN MV #182: 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 all whom you would welcome. Amen

**\*RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 100 (pg. 824 VU, Refrain 2)**

*REFRAIN:* Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Shout to God, all the earth  
**worship with gladness and joy.**  
Come before God with laughter,  
**our maker to whom we belong.**  
To the Shepard who tends us like sheep,  
**let us raise our voices in song.**  
Come to God's gates with thanks,  
**come to God's courts with praise.**  
Praise and bless God's name,  
**Truly you are good:**  
you are always gracious,  
**and faithful age after age. R**

**GOSPEL READING:        Mathew 5: 14-16**  
The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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**SOLO:** *Wishes and Candles, by Stephen 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**

**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 Make a Difference                    #209 MV**

**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 BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE:** *Candles in the Window, by Ord*

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- NOV 20: CSUC Evening Candle Service (7pm) – Paula & Tim Reynolds  
*Please Note there is no morning service*
- NOV 27: CSUC joining Cowan Heights
- DEC 4: CSUC – Bert Riggs
- DEC 11: CSUC – Karen Bursey, WHITE GIFT SUNDAY
- DEC 11: Community Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Singing  
4:00pm, Songs & Stories of Labrador  
5:00pm, Cochrane Street patio area
- DEC 18: CSUC – Church Council, LESSONS & CAROLS
- Saturday, DEC 24: CSUC – Rev. Oliver Dingwell, NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
9:00pm, Candles, Carols, Communion
- DEC 25: CSUC joining Cowan Heights

**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.

**PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR CSUC:** While Cochrane Street United Church is without a minister, Rev. Oliver Dingwell will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. He can be reached at (709) 640-4632 or by email at: [odingwell@cowanheightsunited.ca](mailto:odingwell@cowanheightsunited.ca). If Rev. Oliver is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pt2reynolds@gmail.com).

**CELEBRATION OF LIGHT** - Sunday, November 20, at 7 pm. 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** has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 22, at 7pm via ZOOM. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Stephen Jewczyk Council Chair at [sjewczyk@gmail.com](mailto:sjewczyk@gmail.com).

**BRIDGES TO HOPE:** At this time of year, the need for food donations is even greater. As a goal, we are trying to fill our shelving units every week to assist with this need. Please assist with the following items: Canned Beans, Canned Milk, Canned Meats, Mac n Cheese, 1 litre Juice, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Crackers, Cereal. Any other non-perishable food item would be much appreciated. Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

**BRIDGES TO HOPE CHRISTMAS HAMPER:** Registration begins on Monday, November 21, and continues until Friday, November 25, OR until spaces fill. To register online, visit [bridgestohope.ca](http://bridgestohope.ca). To register by phone, please call (709) 722-9225 from 9am-1pm. Valid MCP cards are required.

**CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES ON FRIDAYS:** In this session we will briefly name the processes of exclusion, marginalization, and structural inequality that are often unexamined - what we call “othering” - and seek actions that move towards a church of belonging where there is mutual power, access and opportunity for all people who share the space. It’s free to attend, you just need to register for a zoom link. To register, head here: <https://ccsonline.ca/2022/09/ccs-fridays-are-back-2022-2023/>

**EVENING OF GOSPEL MUSIC:** Please join us at First United Church, Mount Pearl on **November 20** @ 7pm for an Evening of Gospel Music led by our Blended Voices Singers. Also, featuring a singing group from Topsail United Church Men’s Fellowship. All are welcome.

**FLIPPER DINNER:** Topsail United Church Men's Club will be holding a take-out flipper dinner on Monday **November 21**, 2022, pick up from 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm. Cost \$25. Only 100 tickets available. Please reserve by calling the church office at 834-4567