

Cochrane Street United Church

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November 24, 2019

Reign of Christ Sunday

The Twenty-Fourth 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 25 – DECEMBER 1

Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Thursday: 12:30 PM YOGA
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
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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 Kearley will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals.

You can reach him at (709) 739-9025

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

Worship Leaders: Paula & Tim Reynolds

PRELUDE:

INTROIT: 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**

*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 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

#585VU

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

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***HYMN:** **I the Lord of Sea and Sky** **# 509VU**

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 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 whom all you would welcome. Amen

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 119 (pg. 841VU – Part 5)

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5: 14-16

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM:

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***HYMN: Go Make a Difference**

#209MV

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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 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: A Candle is Burning**

#6VU

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

POSTLUDE

MEMORIALS

*In memory of Barbara Crosbie,
From Cochrane Street Men's Club*

*In memory of Jane Howell,
From Laura Baker*

*In memory of Reginald Howell,
From son Oscar and Family*

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 24 (7:00 pm) – Paula & Tim Reynolds (Memorial Candle Night Service)
NO MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
due to St. John's downtown Santa Claus Parade
- 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)



SOUP Take-out & Bake Sale: UCW will have a soup take-out and bake sale on Sunday, December 1, after church service. Soup and roll for \$5.00!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Thursday, December 5 – Yoga Flow, Cochrane Street UC (12:30pm)
- Thursday, December 5 – Cochrane Centre Annual General Meeting (7:30pm)
Community Room
- Monday, December 16 – Beer & Hymns, Bridie Molloy's (7:00pm)

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

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.

Decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season: A Christmas decorating gathering for the sanctuary is being organized for Saturday, November 30, at 10am. Anyone who wishes to volunteer and help out with the decorating is asked to be at the church at 10am. This is the time for joy and merriment!

WHITE GIFT Service December 8: The Sunday School Children will be leading the worship service for White Gift Sunday. During the service there will be a White Gift Offering of non-perishable food or financial donations for Bridges To Hope. If you provide a financial donation, please place it in an envelope and title the envelope as "Bridges To Hope Donation" then place the envelope in the collection plate. Thanks for your generosity which helps others and does important work in our community.

Christmas Messy Church: Council is attempting to hold a Christmas Messy church event for Saturday, **December 21**, at 4pm for the children of our church. To make this happen, we need volunteers to set up the space, do the gift bags for the kids from Santa, volunteers to cook and volunteers to clean up. If you wish to volunteer to make this event a festive time for the children of the church, please contact the church office (722-3023, info@cochranestreetuc.com) or contact Stephen Jewczyk, congregation chair, at sjewczyk@gmail.com.

BEER & HYMNS: The next Beer and Hymns is Monday, **December 16**, at Bridie Molloy's, 7pm. Bring a friend and sing some Christmas hymns!!

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!

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.

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.

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

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).

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.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS): This year on May 25 the Gray family of the South Brook area lost their family home and all their personal belongings to a fire. Because of their location is outside of the community, they were unable to acquire fire insurance. You can learn more about the fire by clicking on the links: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/family-home-fire-rodney-gray-1.5150907>

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has been active in helping the Grays rebuild their house. While things are progressing we are desperately in need of more volunteers in order to have the Gray's home finished before the weather gets any worse. We have accommodations available for anyone coming from across the province help us rebuild the Gray's home. Interested volunteers can call Rodney Gray directly at 709-572-1589 or Daniel A Garland at 709-381-1113, Cell 709-381-9950, or danielgarland@live.ca.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

From the Trustee Board Minute Book:

The Sunday School librarian's report for 1887:

"We have now a grand total of 430 books, have issued books 22 times, six times over last year, average for the year 78."

"The offering at the recital on Thursday, February 15, 1917, will be in aid of the choir fund. Thirty years of music of the choir was lost in the fire."