

St. Matthew's Church, Windsor, Ontario

"We are called to share God's love
as we welcome and care for our community"

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November 19, 2023

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We gather for worship on the traditional lands of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie

Presider: The Rev'd Gayle Rawlings
Deacon: The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick
Deacon: The Rev'd Glenda Fisher
Pastoral Musician: Michael Ricketts

***Please Note: Free-will offerings may be placed
in the collection plate at the rear of the church.***

Prelude: A Modal Menuet (E. Thiman)

Processional: We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise (Kirk Dearman)

Gathering of the Community (Green Book p. 185)

Hymn of Praise: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (Blue Book #5)

Collect of the Day Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm: 90:1-8, 12 (Green Book p. 826)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Homily

Anthem: All That I Am (W. Himes)

Apostles' Creed (Green Book p.189)

Prayers of the People **Response: Have mercy on us**

Closing Prayers

Confession and Absolution (Green Book p.191)

The Peace

Offertory: Only a Shadow (Glory & Praise #38)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #1 (Green Book p.193)

The Lord's Prayer (Green Book p.211)

The Breaking of the Bread #2

Lamb of God

** Please indicate if you require a gluten-free communion wafer*

Communion Procession: Let Us Be Bread (T. Porter)

Prayer after Communion

Parish Announcements

Recessional: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (Blue Book #601)

Postlude: Allegro (E. Thiman)

Welcome visitors – we are blessed you are with us. Please let us know how we can serve you. If you desire, there are “Visitor’s Envelopes” on the table in the narthex/foyer.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God

Scripture readings for Sunday November 26, 2023 – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps.100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: Beth Felet, John Rossi **Clarinet:** Gordon Drake

Lector: Jane Buttery

Communion Ministers: Louise Davis, Bill McAdam

Intercessor: Jean Muhleisen **Sidespersons:** Flora Smith, Deb French

Collection Supervisor: Carol Caverzan

Fellowship Hour: Pat Lown, Flora Smith, Cynthia Murray, Sheila Beach, Jayne Flammie, Mary Ellen Ohrling

Marlborough Breakfast Programme - Cooks: Mark and Audrey Goldspink, Diane Iannicello **Muffins:** Audrey Goldspink

Church Nurse: Mary Louise Drake

Community Announcements

Please help us care for those who have sensitivities or allergies to fragrances by refraining from the use of scented personal products. Thank you!

Outreach Ministries – Remember your gifts to Hiatus House, our Food Cupboard, the Marlborough Nutrition Programme, and the ministry to the Southwest Detention Centre.

Christmas Craft & Food Market (CCFM) – Thank you everyone for your phenomenal support of our Christmas Craft and Food Market. It was a huge success. We are busy filling the Tourtières orders. For now, there are no extras available. We do still have some wrapped chocolate treats. If you are interested, please see Beth or Danielle.

Submissions to *The Journey* – The deadline for all contributions to our Advent/Christmas newsletter is today, November 19. Also, welcome new parishioners! Join our birthday and/or anniversary announcements. Please speak to Irene Savva or Sue Bernard for submission option.

From Our Chancel Guild – Christmas Flowers – The envelopes for our Christmas flowers are in the pews. Please include your offering (cash only, suggested donations \$10 to \$20), then fill out with your dedication and name(s). Place in the collection plate during services, **no later than December**

3. Weekly Flowers – Due to increasing prices, the cost of Sunday flowers is now \$50 for two bouquets in the Sanctuary, and \$40 for one bouquet by the organ. Please write your dedication and name(s) in the book in the narthex, where you will find envelopes; take one envelope, fill out, include your donation (cash only), and place in the collection plate during services, at least one week before your date. Thank you!