

The First Sunday of Advent

Presider: The Rev. Andreas Thiel
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy MacKendrick
Organist: Michael Ricketts

Prelude: Sleepers, Awake (L. Krebs)

Processional Hymn: #108 Hark, A Herald Voice Is Sounding

Gathering the Communityp. 185

Advent Litany of Praise

Collect of the Day

Children's Focus & Lighting of the Advent Wreath – *the Donlon family*
response: "Lord, come and save us."

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm 122 (p. 882)

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24: 35-44

Sermon

Prayers of the People - *Response:* "Hear our prayer"

Greeting of Peace

Celebrating the Eucharist

Anthem: He Will Come When We're Least Expecting Him (J. Bell)

Offertory Hymn: #93 You Servants of the Lord

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #1 p. 201

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread p. 212

Celebrant: God of promise; you prepare a banquet
for us in your kingdom

All: **Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

Communion Procession: Wait for the Lord

Prayer after Communionp.214

Recessional Hymn #572 Let There Be Light

Postlude: Veni Emmanuel (H. Hopson)

Welcome visitors – we are blessed you are with us. If you desire, there are “Visitor’s envelopes” on the table in the narthex (foyer) for your use.

Marlborough School Breakfast Program: Jen McAlpine, Sue Bernard, Cathy MacKendrick. Making muffins: Cora Braidford.

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Sidespersons: Michael Chantler, Josh Canty, Marie & Ron Darrach

Collection Supervisors: Andy Hahn

Cantor: Beth Felet, Danielle Richer, Kim MacKendrick

Clarinet: Gordon Drake Intercessor: Shirley Cantle

Servers: Erin Henderson, Kaitlin Henderson, Rosalind Canty

Lectors: Alisa Yednoroz, Sue Bernard

Ministers of Hospitality: Ron & Gail Henderson & family

Church Nurse: Mary Lou Drake (*by appointment*)

Scripture readings for Sunday, December 8th – Isaiah 11: 1-10, Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1-12.

Upcoming Sunday’s scripture readings – Please consider coming to St. Matthew’s on Wednesday at 10:00 am, for a weekly opportunity to engage in conversation about the upcoming Sunday’s scripture readings.

Contacting Rev. Thiel - if you have a concern of any kind that you would like to discuss with Andreas please call him at 226-345-5085 to arrange a time to get together for a conversation.

People that are ill and/or in hospital: If you know of someone who is in hospital, could you please let either Rev. Andreas or Rev. Cathy (519 966 5729) know so that they might have a pastoral visit from the clergy.

Outreach Ministries of St. Matthew’s - Remember your gifts to: Hiatus House, the Downtown Mission, Marlborough Breakfast Programme, and the ministry of the chaplain of the Windsor Jail.

Christmas Hors D’oeuvres/Dessert Social – Sat. Dec. 7th, 7 p.m Patti Weir & John Rossi have graciously agreed to host this annual event. Set aside the date on your calendar for an evening of good friends, good food, & good cheer! A sign-up sheet and map is in the Narthex.

Christmas Giving Tree for our Children’s Aid family is now up in the Narthex. The family has 4 children and 2 parents. All have disabilities and/or limitations. Please bring your gift (new only please) with tag attached and unwrapped by December 8th. The gifts for parents could be wrapped if you wish. I am confident our St. Matthew’s family will once again give this family a wonderful Christmas. Thank you very much from Gwen Allsop.

Christmas Flowers –envelopes are in the pews. Please fill out the envelope as you would like it to appear in the bulletin. Cash only please. Thank you from Gwen Allsop.

Advent Soup Lunches to support the Council of the North: we need people to sign up for the various tasks: making pots of delicious soup (4-5 pots), providing bread and butter/margarine, set up (minimum 2 people) and clean up (minimum 4 people). A signup sheet is in the Narthex. If you have any questions about the roles, please ask Paul Finlayson. Free will donations will go to the Council of the North ministry.

St. Matthew’s website – We are pleased to announce the launch of the new and improved St. Matthew’s website. Visit it at saintmatthewswindsor.ca – it looks great!

Sunday School Gingerbread Raffle – During Advent, the Sunday School is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of two beautiful Gingerbread Houses. All proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase books for

the library at Maryvale Children's Centre. A list of the books on their wish list is posted on the stage in the Parish Hall as well as a basket for book donations if anyone has a gently used copy of any of these titles. As always, we greatly appreciate everyone's support. Thanks from Louise and the Sunday School.

Craft Table "replay" today - did you miss the bazaar? Not able to shop at the Craft table? Well you are in luck! We will have most of the remaining craft items available for sale today during the soup lunch. Enjoy your soup and shop for some awesome handmade crafts.

Help Needed for Christmas Pageant December 22nd – the costumes for the angels are in a pretty poor state and need some TLC. Most need new trims and all of them need washing. Shirley Cantle has asked if some volunteers could step forward to wash them in bleach, and to assist in replacing the trims. Shirley has the trim, she would like someone to assist in sewing them on. If you can help, please contact Shirley at 519-972-3228 or email her at davidcantle@sympatico.ca

