

The Second Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (J. Vandertuin)

Processional Hymn: #89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1,2,3,4)

Gathering the Communityp. 185

Advent Litany of Praise

Collect of the Day

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

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (p. 797)

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Sermon

Anthem: Christ, Be Our Light (B. Farrell)

The Apostles' Creed..... p. 189

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

Greeting of Peace

Celebrating the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: #109 When the King Shall Come Again

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 (J. Bernier)

Prayer after Communionp.214

Recessional Hymn #103 On Jordan's Bank

Postlude: On Jordan's Bank (D. Cherwein)

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: Shirley Cantle, Arlette Repko, Cathy MacKendrick. Making muffins: Margaret Jemison

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Sidespersons: Pauline & Don Patterson, Virginia Schofield, Ed Levergood

Collection Supervisors: Mike Chantler

Cantor: Beth Felet, Danielle Richer, Kim MacKendrick

Intercessor: Josh Canty

Servers: Gaby Savva, Erica Rossi

Lectors: Jen McAlpine, Jeff Wilkinson

Ministers of Hospitality: the Paraschak family

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

Scripture readings for Sunday, December 15th – Isaiah 35: 1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11: 2-11

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 – thanks to our gracious hosts, Patti Weir and John Rossi for sharing their home with us, and thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the delicious food, treats, carol singing, festivities and fellowship!

Christmas Giving Tree – your new, unwrapped gifts for our Children's Aid family are due today, Dec. 8th. Thank you to our St. Matthew's family for helping to give this family a wonderful Christmas.

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 sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Free will donations will go to the Council of the North ministry.

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.

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

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!