

St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Windsor

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December 15, 2013

The Third Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude: Prepare the Way (J. Mansfield)

Processional Hymn: #101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Gathering the Communityp. 185

Advent Litany of Praise

Collect of the Day

Children's Focus & Lighting of the Advent Wreath – *the Patterson family*

Response: "Lord, come and save us."



Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm: 146: 4-9 (p. 905)

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Sermon

Anthem: Hark, the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes (M. Lightfoot)

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

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

Greeting of Peace

Celebrating the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: G&P, #14 Every Valley

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: God Shall Gather In (T. Alonso)

Prayer after Communionp.214

Recessional Hymn #91 People, Look East! The Time Is Near

Postlude: Lord God, Now Be Glorified (J.S. Bach)

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.

The Flowers on the Organ are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Susan (Kissau) Wells from Dad and Margaret.

Marlborough School Breakfast Program: Carol Lawn, Sue Trenhaile, Cathy MacKendrick. Making muffins: Bev Chantler

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Sidespersons: Chuck Boyd, Andy Hahn, Paul Finlayson, Helen Cahill

Collection Supervisors: Patti Weir

Cantor: Danielle Richer, Jane Patterson, Margaret Kissau

Intercessor: Jennifer McAlpine

Servers: Emily Finlayson, Miranda Canty

Lectors: Emily Finlayson, Gabriela Savva

Ministers of Hospitality: Mike Herrington and the Canty Family

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

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. **NOTE: No sessions on Dec. 25 and Jan 1; sessions will resume on January 8, 2014.**

Contacting Rev'd Andreas - 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.

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 – 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 signup 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!