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December 7, 2014

The Second Sunday of Advent

Presider: Deacon: Organist:	The Rev'd Andreas Thiel The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick Michael Ricketts
Prelude: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (J. Vandertuin)	
Processional Hymn: # 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus	
The Gathering of the Communityp.185	
Collect of the Day	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath - The Hall-Wilkinson family	
Response: Lord, come and save us	
The Proclamation of the Word	
First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11	
Ps. 85: 1-2, 8-13 p.818	
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a	
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8	
Homily	
Anthem: Christ, Be Our Light (B. Farrell)	
Nicene Creed p. 188	
The Prayers of the People Response - Lord, hear our prayer	
Confession and Absolutionp. 191	
The Greeting of Peace	
The Celebration of the Eucharist Offertory: G &P #14 Every Valley	
The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #3 p. 198	
#735 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord	
Celebrant	#5 p. 212 God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
<i>All</i> #747 Lamb of God	Happy are those who are called to the supper of the lamb

Communion Procession: Wait for the Lord (J. Berthier)

Prayer after Communion and Doxology p. 214

Recessional Hymn: # 111 Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

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

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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) for your use.

The Flowers on the Organ are given to the glory of God and in memory of Martin A. Monaghan (father of Mary Louise Drake) by Mary Louise and Gordon Drake.

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: Margaret Kissau, Kim MacKendrick Clarinet : Gordon Drake Server: Nicole Sussens Collection Supervisor: Paul Finlayson Intercessor: Cathy MacKendrick Lectors: Mary Grace Weir, Sabrina Weir Sidespersons: Pauline & Don Patterson, Virginia Schofield, Ed Levergood Communion Ministers: Carole Lawn, Bob Kissau, Alisa Yednoroz Fellowship Hour Ministers the Paraschak Family Marlborough Serving Team: Irene, Vicky & Patti Parashak, Cathy MacKendrick; making muffins: Gail Henderson

Scripture readings for Sunday, December 14, 2014– Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Ps. 126; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

Wednesday Morning Scripture Group – each Wednesday at 10 am. We gather informally, to engage the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Please consider joining us for this special time together – All are welcome!

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

People who are ill and/or in hospital – If you know of someone who is in hospital, 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 – Remember your gifts to Hiatus House, the Downtown Mission, the Marlborough Breakfast Programs, and the ministry to the Windsor Jail.

Children's Aid Outreach – All unwrapped gifts for the Children's Aid Christmas Tree are due **today** in the boxes in the Narthex. If you have forgotten your gift, please talk to Gwen Allsop to make appropriate arrangements. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Pageant - Our annual pageant will take place during the 10 am service on Dec. 21. Shirley Cantle will be organizing our young (and not-so-young) people for rehearsals. If you would like to take part, please contact Shirley at: davidcantle@sympatico.ca or 519 972 3228

Fall Appeal – Many thanks to all who have responded to the fall appeal. All indications suggest that our yearend will be on a solid footing, even with recent unexpected expenses. **Please pick up in the Narthex**: "The Journey" and the Wardens Christmas letter with Christmas and "Gift to the Rector" envelopes. Note that the "Gift to the Rector" is not a charitable donation, and will not be recorded on your official income tax receipt for 2014.

Church Calendars – the 2015 calendars are now available from Margaret Jemison. Cost is \$6.

St. Matthew's Annual Christmas Party: Saturday, Dec. 20, at 7 pm. Our hosts will be Doug Warford and Janet Williams, their address is 3821 Richardie Blvd, directions are in the Narthex.

Gingerbread house raffle – the Sunday School children are selling tickets each Sunday in Advent during the Soup lunch hour with a chance to win one of two decorated gingerbread houses. All proceeds will be used to support Maryvale Adolescent and Family Services. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.