

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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December 14, 2014

The Third Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude: Prepare the Way (J. Mansfield)

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

The Gathering of the Community..... p.185

Collect of the Day

Children's Focus

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Rossi-Weir family

Response: **Lord, come and save us**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Ps. 126 p.818

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Homily

Anthem: Come to Us, O Promised One (L. Larson)

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The Prayers of the People Response - **Lord, hear our prayer**

Confession and Absolution.....p. 191

The Greeting of Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: #101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #2..... p. 196

#735 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

#737 Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread: #5 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**

#747 Lamb of God

Communion Procession: God Shall Gather In (T. Alonso)

Prayer after Communion and Doxology p. 214

Recessional Hymn: # 103 On Jordan's Bank

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

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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 in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Susan (Kissau) Wells

The Flowers on the Organ are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wesley Sydor by his family

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: Danielle Richer, Beth Felet

Server: Erica Rossi

Collection Supervisor: John Rossi

Intercessor: Ann Hucal

Lectors: Shirley Cantle, Gaby Savva

Sidespersons: Andy Hahn, Paul Finlayson, Helen Cahill

Communion Ministers: Cora Braidford, A. Hahn, Mary Davis

Fellowship Hour Ministers Cora & Bob Braidford, Joan Mallander

Marlborough Serving Team: Shirley Cantle, Louise Davis, Cathy MacKendrick; **making muffins:** Mary & Louise Davis

Scripture readings for Sunday, December 21, 2014– 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

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 – Our Children's Aid Family - Roman Dominick, Carter, baby Austin and their mother - will have a wonderful Christmas. Thank you all very much!

Christmas Pageant - Our annual pageant will take place during the 10 am service next Sunday, 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

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.

Talent Show and Pot Luck – St. Matthew's 5th annual Pot Luck & Talent Show is Saturday, January 17th. Dinner is at 5 pm, the talent portion of the evening starts around 6:30. Please sign up to share your talent with your church family. This event is well attended and so much fun. If you have any questions, please contact Jen McAlpine or John Rossi.