

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 19, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Presider: The Rev'd Andreas Thiel
Deacon: The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick
Deacon: The Rev'd Glenda Fisher
Pastoral Musician: Michael Ricketts

Prelude: Basque Carol (D. Cherwein)

Gathering Music: People, Look East! The Time Is Near

(please stand)

***We gather for worship on the traditional lands of
the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes
the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie***

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Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Micah 5:2–5a

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel: Luke 1:39–45

Homily

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Anthem: Look Toward Christmas (Murray-Young)

The Great Thanksgiving

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Presider: 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.**

** Gluten-free communion wafers are available for those who require them*

Communion Hymn: As We Gather at Your Table (T. Alonso)

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Parish Announcements

Dismissal (*we depart the church by way of the centre aisle beginning with the pews in the rear*)

Postlude: Trumpet Tune (A. Corelli)

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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.

The Advent orchids in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantor: Jane Patterson

Collection Supervisor: Carol Caverzan

Lector: Dianne Iannicello

Usher: Jane Patterson

Marlborough Nutrition Programme: Muffin and snack deliveries paused for School Break. **A blessed Christmas to all!**

Scripture readings for Sunday, December 26, 2021: 1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26; Ps. 148; Luke 2:41–52.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24: Services at 3 pm and 7 pm. Please note that pre-registration is required for both services, with a 50-person maximum. **Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25:** 10:00 am. **First Sunday after Christmas, December 26:** One service only, at 10 am.

Community Announcements

Would You Like a Pastoral Visit? – Please contact Rev'd Andreas (519-969-1510, church; 226-345-5085, cell).

People Who Are Ill and/or in Hospital – If you know of someone who is in hospital, please let our clergy or churchwardens know so that they might have a pastoral visit.

Virtual Soup-Lunches Fundraiser – Join today in the sharing of our Rector's last soup recipe, and another opportunity to extend the nourishment by means of **an offering to the Council of the North**. The offering can be made by e-transfer, cash or cheque to St. Matthew's, with the memo "Soup Lunches." **Thank you all for your participation!**

Advent Newsletter – Find hard copies at the back, or download the PDF full colour version at <http://www.saintmatthewswindsor.ca/>

Meat Pies going fast – We only have a few small meat pies left. Place your order with Cathy MacKendrick, 519-966-5729, or email mackena5729@gmail.com.

Food Cupboard – Please consider donating some non-perishable food items to our Food Cupboard. Thank you for your continuing concern for the wellbeing of our neighbours!

Backpack Ministry for the Detention Centre – We are preparing backpacks for the detention centre inmates being “released to the street” (*i.e.* homeless). We could use more backpacks, men’s underwear (M, L), winter hats, gloves, and small packets of tissues. As always, a cash donation may be given to the church marked as “Backpack Ministry.” **Thank you!**

Procedures for Sunday Services – Please note that for our Sunday worship services at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM, all of the following health protocols will be in place:

- Physical distancing (6ft.) will be maintained between people of different "household bubbles."
- You will be asked to sign in (name and phone number) upon arrival.
- A shorter liturgy (approximately 45 min.)
- Doors and windows will be open. The ceiling fans will not be in use during services.
- We will maintain our practices of frequent hand washing/use of sanitizer, mask wearing (except for children under age 2, or for people who have health conditions that prevent them from wearing face coverings).
- Fellowship time in the Parish Hall will not exceed 20 min. Food and drink will not be served.

If you have questions or concerns, please be in touch with our rector.

