

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 12, 2021

The Third 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: Voluntary in G (W. Boyce)

Gathering Music: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(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: Zephaniah 3:14–20

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel: Luke 3:7–18

Homily

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

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The Peace

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Anthem: Come to Us, Emmanuel (S. Van Wye)

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: Wait for the Lord (J. Berthier)

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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: Come, O Long Expected Jesus (E. Broughton)

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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: John Rossi

Intercessor: Ann Hucal

Lector: Vicky Paraschak

Ushers: Pat Lown

Collection Supervisor: Mark Goldspink

Marlborough Nutrition Programme Ministers for this week:

Muffins: Meaghan Felet and Nicole McCabe

Delivery: Louise Davis

Scripture readings for Sunday, December 19, 2021: Micah 5:2–5a;
Canticle 18 (Luke 1:47–55); Luke 1:39–45.

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.

Christmas Flower Dedications – The envelopes are in the pews; please fill out all the information, and return **ASAP** to our Sacristan, Margaret Kissau (cash only). Thank you!

Virtual Soup-Lunches Fundraiser – Our rector will share a soup recipe via email each Sunday of Advent; everyone is invited to make a batch at home for themselves and their families, and if possible, to consider spreading the nourishment to others 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!**

Advent Newsletter – Our Advent 2021 issue of *The Journey* is now available. Find hard copies at the back, or download the PDF version in full colour from our website <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!

Marlborough Breakfast – We are delivering 144 homemade muffins and various other nutritious snacks, all individually packaged on Tuesday mornings again this school year until we are allowed to cook a hot breakfast. Thanks to everyone for their ongoing support of this programme.

Backpack Ministry for the Detention Centre – We are preparing backpacks for the detention centre inmates being “released to the street” (*i.e.* homeless), filled with basic personal items. We currently have enough toiletries, but we could use more backpacks, men’s underwear (medium and large), winter hats, gloves (both thin “stretchy”, and thicker ones), and small packets of tissues. As always, if you wish to make a cash donation instead, you may give it to the church marked as “Backpack Ministry.” 10 backpacks were delivered in October. More in November. **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.