

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 25, 2022

The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Day

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

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

Please note: Free-will offerings may be placed in the collection plate at the rear of the church.

Prelude: Allemande from Pastorale in F Major (JS Bach)

Processional: O Come, All Ye Faithful v 1&5.....(Blue Book #118)

Hymn of Praise: Angels We Have Heard on High

Christmas Collect

O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm # 97(Green Book, p. 835)

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:8-20

Homily

Nicene Creed (Green Book, p. 188)

Prayers of the People **Response: Lord, hear our prayer**

Confession and Absolution (Green Book, p. 191)

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: Away in a Manger(Blue Book #126)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #3 (Green Book p. 198)

Holy, Holy, Holy (Blue Book p. 732)

The Lord's Prayer (Green Book p.211)

The Breaking of the Bread #6

Lamb of God

** Please indicate if you require a gluten-free communion wafer*

Communion Procession: Gesu Bambino (P. Yon)

Prayer after Communion

Doxology and Blessing (Green Book, p.214)

Parish Announcements

Recessional: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.....(Blue Book #138)

Postlude: Joy to the World (D. Cherwien)

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 Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: John Rossi **Collection Supervisor:** Carol Caverzan

Scripture readings for Sunday, January 1, 2023: Numbers 6:22-27; Ps.8; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 2:15-21.

Community Announcements

After a hiatus of 2 years, our **St Matthew's Talent Show** and friends and family potluck dinner is back on! We are so excited to bring this awesome and super fun evening back for your enjoyment. **Saturday January 14** at 6 pm in the church hall. **Sign up sheet** will be available in the narthex for you to sign up with your friends, family or solo performance. We look forward to seeing you all there. Thank you , Jen 519-551-7012

Christmas Services:

The Naming of Jesus: Sun. Jan 1: 8:30 & 10:00 am

The Epiphany: Friday, January 6: 7pm (An Epiphany Pageant, with fellowship afterwards in the Parish Hall)