



St. Matthew's Anglican Church



"We are called to share God's love as we welcome and care for our community."

Address:

St. Matthew's Anglican Church
1600 Norfolk St.
Windsor, Ontario
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Sunday Services

8:30 am said Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
with the Choir

Fellowship Hour to follow

Wednesday Services

11:00 am said Holy Eucharist

The Rev'd Gilles Haché is
in office by appointment.

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The First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024



Curate: The Reverend Gilles Haché

Deacon: The Reverend Cathy MacKendrick

Deacon: The Reverend Glenda Fisher

Pastoral Musician: Michael Ricketts

"With gratitude for all stewards of the land, we acknowledge that the St. Matthew's community gathers on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie."

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

Prelude: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (E. Broughton)

Processional: Let Heaven Rejoice Glory & Praise #33
verses 1,2,3,4

The Gathering of the Community

Green Book p. 185

The Lighting of the Candle

God is our light and our salvation, and in his name we light this candle. May this candle remind us of the beauty of his truth and the radiance of his love. May our hearts be open to the light of Christ, now and at all times.

All: Lord, in your mercy, let there be light.

Collect of the Day

Green Book p. 268

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Jer. 33:14-16

Psalm # 25:1-9

Green Book p. 733

Refrain: Show me your ways, O God, and teach me your paths

Second Reading: 1 Thess. 3:9-13

The Gospel: Luke. 21:25-36

Homily

Anthem: He Will Come (J. Bell)

The Apostles' Creed

Green Book p.189

Prayers of the People

Response: Grant us mercy

Confession and Absolution

Green Book p.191

The Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding Blue Book #108

Prayer Over the Gifts Green Book p. 269

Eucharistic Prayer #3 Green Book p. 198

The Lord's Prayer Green Book p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #5 Green Book p. 212

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.**

Lamb of God

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

Communion: God Shall Gather In (Huck-Alonso)

Prayer After Communion Green Book p. 269

Doxology Green Book p. 214

Parish Announcements

Recessional: You Servants of the Lord Blue Book #93

Postlude: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (H. Hopson)

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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 at the back

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of

Cora-Lee & Bob Braidford’s 50th wedding anniversary

Next Sunday's Readings, December 8, 2024 – Baruch 5:1-9; Canticle 19 (Luke 1:68-79);Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6A.

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: Danielle Richer, Beth Felet **Clarinet:** Gordon Drake

Lectors: Robert Weir, Jayne Flammia **Intercessor:** Ann Hucal

Communion Ministers: Davny & Luiz Montebello

Collection Supervisor: Louise Davis

Sidespersons: Pat Lown, Jeannie Hopkins

Church Nurse (by appointment): Mary Louise Drake

Marlborough School Breakfast this week:

Cooks: Cathy MacKendrick, Sue Trenhaile, Jean Muhleisen;

Muffins: Cathy MacKendrick

Community Announcements

Christmas Flower Dedication Envelopes – Available by the collection plate. Place your donation (cash or cheque to St. Matthew's Church) in the envelope, fill out the information on the front, and place envelope in the collection plate during services, **no later than TODAY.**

Adopt-A-Family Tree - Please attach your ornament tag to the unwrapped gift (no used items, please, feel free to include wrapping materials), and place in the appropriate box with the number indicated on your tag **NO LATER than next Sunday, Dec 8.**

Windsor Symphony Orchestra at St. Matthew's - Handel's Messiah, Saturday, December 7, at 7:30 pm. Purchase your tickets online at: <https://www.windsorsymphony.com/event/handels-messiah-windsor-st-matthews/>

Mid-Week Service, Wednesdays at 11 am – Our mid-week services are back, but please note that there will not be a service this coming Dec 4. Rev'd Gilles will be at St. James Stratford, for the Clergy Advent Quiet Day with Bishop Todd.

Reflection for the Week

First Sunday of Advent

Together, we enter this time of ADVENT, the birth of the child in the manger. This is the beginning of **A time for Waiting** to then experience together the celebration and rejoicing in faith. Advent also marks the beginning of the church year. We are beginning Year C, and we will be journeying with the Gospel of Luke. During this season, we are called to reflect, and move from the darkness, a chance for renewal and hope towards new perspectives about Jesus. The word “Advent” does not mean “before Christmas”; it comes from the Latin *adventus* which means “coming.” The Latin term also means that God is present with us, that he is arriving, and does not leave us alone. However, Advent is the period when the faithful prepare internally to celebrate Christmas, a decisive event for humanity, since God became man through the Child Jesus. Everyone is called to vigilance and to live through the words of the Prophets, to prepare the heart, as the other readings also remind us. I wish for us to live together, the next four weeks in a time of hope and a time to renew our faith. **May these lights of the Advent Wreath which shine during Advent, already show us that the true “light of the world” is Christ, Jesus!**

Blessings, Gilles+