

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, 2016

The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Day

Presider: The Rev'd Andreas Thiel

Organist: Michael Ricketts

Prelude: Medley of Carols

Processional: #118 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Gathering the Community..... p. 185

Hymn of Praise: Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plain;
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strain:

(Refrain) **Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

(Refrain)

Collect of the Day

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10

Psalm #98 p. 836

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

Gospel: John 1: 1-14

A Christmas Story – The Reverend Andreas Thiel

Nicene Creedp.188

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution:p.191

Offering Hymn: #120 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 3p. 198

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread: #6p. 213

Presider: We break the bread of life,
And that life is the light of the world.

All: **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Communion Procession: Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring (J.S. Bach)

Prayer after Communionp.214

Recessional Hymn: 138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Postlude: Good King Wenceslas (A. Fedak)

Welcome visitors –we are blessed you are with us for this Christmas service. If you desire, there are “Visitor’s envelopes” in the narthex (foyer) for your use.

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: Margaret Kissau **Lectors:** Sue Bernard, Matt Bulley

Communion Ministers: Alisa Yednoroz, Cora Braidford, Andy Hahn

Sidespersons: Chuck Boyd, Pat Lown, Flora Smith, Kim MacKendrick

Scripture readings for Sunday, January 1, 2017 – Numbers 6:22-27; Ps. 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21

January 1, 2017 (First Sunday after Christmas) – normal service times

Would you like a pastoral visit? – Please contact Rev'd Andreas (519-969-1510, church; 226-345-5085, cell) to arrange a convenient time.

People who are ill and/or in hospital – If you know of someone who is in hospital, please let either Rev'd Andreas or Rev'd Cathy (519 966 5729) know so that they might have a pastoral visit.

7th Annual Talent Show – Save the date for our friends and family pot luck dinner and talent show on Saturday January 21, 2017, beginning at 5 pm. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. To share your talent with us, please sign up by January 14th. Thanks, Jen McAlpine & John Rossi

Forward Day by Day – the newest issue of the daily devotional is on the Narthex table. Small donations are appreciated.

Wishing everyone a Blessed and Happy Twelve Days of Christmas!

**THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

In memory of loved ones by:

Michael Ricketts Flora Smith Mary Davis
Helen Cahill Carole Lawn Beverly Chantler
Bob & Margaret Kissau Alan & Sue Trenhaile
Frank & Joan Geml The Allsop Family
The Rossi Family
Margaret Jemison for John Jemison
Joan Mallender for David Mallender
Helen Jones for Stan Jones
John & Dianne Iannicello & Family for Sam & Anna Ikonov, Joe & Jane Iannicello
Janet Srebro for Isaac Srebro & Ruth & David Freeman

As a thank offering by:

Gordon & Mary Louise Drake Peter & Pat Lown
Ron & Marie Darrach The Savva Family
Dorothy Knappett Tim Schoof
Jeff & Lynn Allsop for the blessing of Kate & Sam
Cora & Bob Braidford for our family
The Paraschak family for Liam Garland and Scarlett & Barrett Hudec
Ladd & Florence Ritchie for our wealth and health and happiness, our sons & their families! We are blessed!