

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 3, 2017

The First Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude: Wachet Auf (Sleepers, Wake) (L. Krebs, 1713-1780)

Processional: # 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Gathering of the Communityp. 185

Collect of the Day

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Tara and Mason Tidridge

Response: **Lord, come and save us.**

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms # 80:1-7, 16-18p. 812

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Homily

Organ Interlude: Sleepers, Wake! A Voice is Calling (J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

Apostles' Creed p. 189

Prayers of the People Refrain: **Lord, have mercy**

Confession and Absolutionp. 191

The Peace p. 192

Offering Hymn: #108 Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding

Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer: #4p. 201

#735 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread: #5p. 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.**

Communion Procession: God Shall Gather In (T.Alonso)

Prayer after Communion

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Parish Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #93 You Servants of the Lord

Postlude: Trumpet Tune on "Wachet Auf" (Martha Sobaje, b. 1948 Chesterton)

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.

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

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: John Rossi, Beth Felet

Server: Sabrina Weir **Lectors:** Mary Grace Weir, Jen McAlpine

Intercessor: Andy Hahn **Collection Supervisor:** John Rossi

Sidespersons: Pat Lown, Flora Smith, Kim MacKendrick, Mark Goldspink

Communion Ministers: Alisa Yednoroz, Cora Braidford, Andy Hahn

Fellowship Hour: Soup Lunches, please see the sign-up chart.

Marlborough Breakfast: Ginny & Bill McAdam, Cathy MacKendrick. **Muffin Maker:** Pat Lown

Scripture readings for Sunday, December 10, 2017 – Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

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 either Rev'd Andreas or Rev'd Cathy (519 966 5729) know so that they might have a pastoral visit.

Outreach Ministries – Remember your gifts to Hiatus House, our Food Cupboard, the Marlborough Breakfast Program, and the ministry to the Southwest Detention Centre.

Newsletter - Our Advent/Christmas issue of The Journey is available on the table in the narthex, or download in full colour on our website.

Advent Soup Lunches – Advent begins today and so do our soup lunches! Sign-up for donations of soup, bread or butter, and join for lunch and fellowship in the church hall, after the 10am service. Free-will offerings will go to support the Ministry of the Council of the North.

Children's Aid Christmas Tree – Please pick your ornament tags for gifts to our Children's Aid Society family, from the Christmas tree poster in the narthex. Stick the tag on each gift, and **bring to church by next Sunday, December 3**. Gifts must be unwrapped, but feel free to include paper, gift bags, tape, etc. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers – The envelopes for our Christmas flowers are in the pews. Please fill it out with your dedication and name(s) and return with your offering (cash only) to Margaret Kissau **by December 10**. Everyone is invited to help our chancel guild set up the Christmas flowers, crèche, and other displays during our 10 am service on Sunday, December 24. Thank you very much!

Christmas Dessert & Carol Party – Please join us for an evening of carols, sweets and fun surprises! **Next Sunday December 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**. A free-will offering will be collected towards our "Raise the Roof" campaign. Invite your family and friends, and let's make a joyful noise to welcome the holiday season!

Mission and Ministry Plan – Our draft Mission & Ministry Plan is available for your review throughout Advent. Please take some time to look over the document (5 copies are available in the Parish Hall) and share any feedback with your wardens or with Rev'd Andreas.