

# *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 24, 2017

## *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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

Prelude: The Angel Gabriel (D. Cherwein)

Processional: #89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1,5,6,7)

Gathering of the Community ..... p. 185

Collect of the Day

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Hall/Wilkinson family

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

### *Proclamation of the Word*

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Canticle Luke 1:46-55 ..... p. 86

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

During the reading of the Gospel: #95 O Come, Divine Messiah

Homily & Dedication of Holy Family Mosaic

Anthem: Come, Lord Jesus (C. Landry)

Apostles' Creed ..... p. 189

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

Confession and Absolution ..... p. 191

The Peace ..... p. 192

Offering Hymn: #269 Heavenly Message

## *Celebration of the Eucharist*

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

Eucharistic Prayer: #2 ..... p. 196

#735 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Prayer after Communion

Doxology and Blessing ..... p. 214

Parish Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #91 People, Look East! The Time Is Near

Postlude: People, Look East! The Time Is Near (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.

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

### **Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:**

**Cantors:** John Rossi, Beth Felet

**Clarinet:** Gordon Drake

**Server:** Erica Rossi

**Lectors:** Vicky Paraschak, Matt Bulley

**Intercessor:** Mike Herrington

**Collection Supervisor:** John Rossi

**Sidespersons:** Pauline & Don Patterson, Ed Levergood, Bob Kissau

**Communion Ministers:** Alisa Yednoroz, Cora Braidford, Andy Hahn

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

**Marlborough Breakfast:** Winter break. A blessed Christmas to all!

**Scripture readings for Sunday, December 31, 2017** – Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Ps. 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

### **Christmas Services –**

Christmas Eve, tonight, 7 pm Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day, tomorrow, one service only, at 10 am

First Sunday after Christmas, Dec 31, one service only, at 10 am

**Advent Soup Lunches** – Join today for our last Advent soup lunch in the church hall, after the 10am service. Free-will offerings will go to support the Ministry of the Council of the North. Thank you!

**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.

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

**Talent Show 2018** – Please save the date for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual family and friends potluck and Talent show to be held on Saturday January 20, 2018 beginning at 5 pm. For further information please contact John Rossi or Jen McAlpine.

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

**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.

### **A PRAYERFUL MESSAGE OF THANKS**

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

In this advent season of giving for 2017, we would like to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of the many activities of St. Matthew's Parish Church. We have accomplished much during the past year, but much remains to be done in order to meet our budgeted expenses, and upcoming capital expenses.

As Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you are to love one another."

*John 13: 34.*

Your contributions allow us to carry out our mission statement:

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Janet Williams and Gordon Drake, Wardens.

