

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 10, 2017

The Second Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude: O Come, O come, Emmanuel (J.Vandertuin)

Processional: G&P 14 Every Valley

Gathering of the Communityp. 185

Collect of the Day

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Joanna, Don and Samantha Moscatello

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

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Psalm # 85:1-2, 8-13p. 818

Refrain: **Show us your mercy, O Lord**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Homily

Anthem: A Shoot Shall Come Forth (R. Horn)

Apostles' Creed p. 189

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

Confession and Absolutionp. 191

The Peace p. 192

Offering Hymn: #270 Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise

Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer: #1p. 193

#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

Doxology and Blessingp. 214

Parish Announcements

Recessional Hymn: # 111 Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

Postlude: Lord God, Now Be Glorified (J.S. Bach)

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: Danielle Richer, John Rossi, Beth Felet **Clarinet:** Gordon Drake

Server: Nicole Sussens **Lectors:** Robert Weir, Alisa Yednoroz

Intercessor: Ann Hucal **Collection Supervisor:** Andy Hahn

Sidespersons: Margaret Jemison, Mary Davis, Al & Nicole McCabe

Communion Ministers: Mary Davis, Jen McAlpine, Karen Camlis

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

Marlborough Breakfast: Kim & Nicole Sussens, Sue Trenhaile

Muffin Maker: Cora Braidford

Scripture readings for Sunday, December 17, 2017 – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps. 126; 1
Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Christmas Dessert & Carol Party – TODAY, 6:30-8:30 pm. Please join us for an evening of carols, sweets and fun surprises! 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!

Children's Aid Society Christmas Tree – All tagged unwrapped gifts must be brought to the boxes in the narthex **TODAY, as they must be delivered. Thank you** all who participated for your kindness and generosity to give our family a special Christmas!

Christmas Flowers – The envelopes for our Christmas flowers are in the pews. Please fill it out with your dedication and name(s) and return **TODAY** with your offering (cash only) to Margaret Kissau. 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!

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 – Sign-up for donations of soup, bread or butter, and to set-up and clean-up; 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.

Talent Show 2018 – Please save the date for our 8th 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.

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.

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.

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.