

# *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 17, 2017

## *The Third Sunday of Advent*

<i>Presider:</i>	The Rev'd Andreas Thiel
<i>Deacon:</i>	The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick
<i>Pastoral Musician:</i>	Michael Ricketts

Prelude: Prepare the Way (J. Mansfield)

Processional: #89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1,2,3,4)

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

Collect of the Day

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Hahn Family

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

### *Proclamation of the Word*

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms #126 ..... p. 818

Refrain: **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Homily

Anthem: Christ, Be Our Light (B. Farrell)

Apostles' Creed ..... p. 189

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

Confession and Absolution ..... p. 191

The Peace ..... p. 192

Offering Hymn: #101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

### *Celebration of the Eucharist*

#### *The Great Thanksgiving*

Eucharistic Prayer: #3 ..... p. 198

#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: # 632 The King of Glory Comes

Postlude: On Jordan's Bank (D. Cherwein)

**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:** Nicole Sussens, John Rossi, Beth Felet

**Clarinet:** Gordon Drake                      **Server:** Matt Bulley

**Lectors:** Doug Warford, Dianne Iannicello

**Intercessor:** Jean Muhleisen              **Collection Supervisor:** Patti Weir

**Sidespersons:** Patti Weir, Andy Hahn

**Communion Ministers:** Vicky Paraschak, Doug Warford, Louise Davis

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

**Marlborough Breakfast:** Sue Bernard, Dianne Iannicello, Mark Goldspink;

**Muffin Maker:** Sue Bernard

**Scripture readings for Sunday, December 24, 2017** – 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm/Canticle  
Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

**Christmas Services –**

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 24, 10 am only

Christmas Eve, 7 pm Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day, one service only, at 10 am

First Sunday after Christmas, Dec 31, 10 am only

**Christmas Flowers** – 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!

**Children's Aid Society Christmas Tree** – Thank you everyone for the support of our sponsored family. Your caring and generosity shone through with the overflowing boxes and gifts that filled the narthex.

**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.

**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.

**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.