

# *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, 2015

## *The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Eve*

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

Prelude: Christmas Pastorate (C. Callahan)

Processional: #118 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Words of Welcome & Blessing of the Christmas Crèche

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)

Christmas Collect

### *Proclamation of the Word*

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Psalms #98:1-6 A Psalm for Christmas

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

Homily

Nicene Creed .....p. 188

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

### *Celebration of the Eucharist*

Offering Hymn: # 120 O Little Town of Bethlehem

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

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

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread: #6 .....p. 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: Gift of God (M. Haugen)

Post-communion Hymn: #119 Silent Night

Prayer after Communion .....p.214

Recessional Hymn: #138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Postlude: Silent Night, Holy Night (S. Mitchell-Wallace)

**Welcome visitors** –we are blessed you are with us for this Christmas service. Please join us again for worship. We wish you a blessed Christmas season!

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

**Cantors:** Jane Patterson, Matthew Bulley, Margaret Kissau

**Trumpet:** Beth Felet

**Clarinet:** Elissa Weir

**Server:** Ted Felet

**Lectors:** Alisa Yednoroz, Vicky Paraschak

**Intercessor:** The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick

**Christmas Day – 10am** Holy Eucharist with Carols

**December 27 (First Sunday after Christmas) –10:00 am only**

**January 3, 2016 (Epiphany of the Lord) – 8:30 am and 10:00 am**



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

*In memory of loved ones by:*

Helen Cahill      Alan & Sue Trenhaile      Margaret Jemison      Peter & Pat Lown  
Robert & Margaret Kissau      Mike Ricketts      Carole Lawn      Frank & Joan Geml  
Helen Jones for Stan Jones      Lorraine Souchuk for Bob Souchuk & Romeo Robitaille  
The Paraschak Family for departed family members  
Dianne & John Iannicello for Sam & Anna Ikonov, Joe & Janet Iannicello  
Donald & Lillian Prodan for parents Asa Smith, Elsie Smith, Harry Prodan,  
Ann Prodan, & Kenneth Prodan  
Joan Mallender for David Mallender      Myrna & Walley Atkinson for Jeffery Atkinson  
Lynn & Jeff Allsop, Kate & Sam Allsop for Elaine Douglas  
Don & Pauline Patterson for Ruth Patterson & Bridgette Arsenaut, Happy Birthday Mom.

*As a thank offering by:*

Beverly Chantler      Mary Louise & Gordon Drake      Kim & Cathy MacKendrick  
Bill McAdam      The Savva Family      Paul & Gwen Allsop      Mary Davis for family  
Cora & Bob Braidford for our family      Ladd & Florence Ritchie for wealth in health