

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 20, 2015

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude: Christmas Pastorale (C. Callahan)

Processional Hymn: # 89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v.1,5,6,7)

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

Collect of the Day

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Weir Family

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

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Reflection

The Christmas Pageant

Hymn: #363 My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord

Hymn: 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.**

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The Prayers of the People- Response: **hear our prayer**

Confession and Absolution.....p. 191

The Greeting of Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: #117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

The Great Thanksgiving

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

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread: #5 p. 212

Celebrant 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)

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Parish Announcements

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

Postlude: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star (V. Klaus)

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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 (foyer) for your use.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of David & Ruth Freeman and Isaac Srebro,
by Janet Srebro

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantor: Danielle Richer

Clarinet: Elissa Weir

Collection Supervisor: Paul Finlayson

Intercessor: Jen McAlpine

Lectors: Robert Weir, Sabrina Weir

Sidespersons: Patti Rossi-Weir, Josh Canty, Ron & Marie Darrach

Communion Ministers: Cora Braidfors, Andy Hahn, Mary Davis

Fellowship Hour Ministers: Cora & Bob Braidford, Joan Mallender

Marlborough Serving Team: Have a restful Christmas break!

Upcoming Christmas Services –

Christmas Eve – 7 pm Eucharist **Christmas Day** – 10 am Eucharist

Scripture readings for Sunday, December 27, 2015– I Samuel 2:18-20,26; Ps. 98:1-6;
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52.

Wednesday scripture readings discussion – Please join us at St. Matthew's on Wednesday at 10:00 am, for a weekly opportunity to engage in conversation about the upcoming Sunday's readings. **Please note:** there will be no sessions on December 23 and 31.

Giving Tree – Thank you all for your generous support of our Children's Aid Family, they will have a wonderful Christmas!

From Our Chancel Guild – Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Flowers!

Would you like a pastoral visit? – Please contact Rev'd Andreas (519-969-1510, church; 226-345-5085, cell) to arrange a convenient time.

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.

Forward Day by Day – The next issue of this daily bible reading and reflection booklet is available on the table in the Narthex.

Talent Show and Pot Luck – St. Matthew's 6th annual Pot Luck & Talent Show is Saturday, January 16, 2016. Dinner is at 5 pm, the talent portion starts around 6:30pm. Please sign up to share your talent with your church family. This event is well attended and so much fun. If you have any questions, please contact Jen McAlpine or John Rossi.

**“Renewing Our space and
Improving Our Accessibility”**



**Additional envelopes for our Building Renovation Fund
are available on the table in the narthex.**



*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
Cora & Bob Braidford for our family
Ladd & Florence Ritchie for wealth in health
Mary Davis for family