

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 13, 2015

The Third Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude: Prepare the Way (J. Mansfield)

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

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

Collect of the Day

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Hahn family

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

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12:2-6) p.76

Refrain: **Cry out for joy for God is among us.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

Homily

Anthem: Come to Us, O Promised One (L. Larson)

Apostles' Creed p. 189

The Prayers of the People Response: **Hear our prayer**

Confession and Absolution.....p. 191

The Greeting of Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: #270 Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #5..... p. 204

#726 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking 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: Wait for the Lord (J. Berthier)

Prayer after Communion and Doxology p. 214

Recessional Hymn: # 103 On Jordan's Bank

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 (foyer) for your use.

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

in loving memory of Susan Wells (Kissau) who passed away
on December 14, 2012; from the Kissau family

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: Nicole Sussens, Danielle Richer, John Rossi

Server: Miranda Canty

Collection Supervisor: Patti Weir

Lectors: Matt Bulley, Vicky Paraschak

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

Communion Ministers: Louise Davis, Bob Kissau, Alisa Yednoroz

Fellowship Hour Ministers: Mike Herrington, Jen McAlpine

Marlborough Serving Team: Jen McAlpine, Sue Bernard, Cathy MacKendrick; **making muffins:**
Gwen Allsop

Scripture readings for Sunday, December 20, 2015– Micah 5:2-5a; Canticle 18 (Luke 1:47-55);
Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.

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.

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.

Christmas Pageant - Our annual pageant will take place during the 10 am service next Sunday, Dec.
20. All ages welcome! If you and/or your children would like to take part, please let Rev'd Andreas or
Mary Grace Weir know as soon as possible. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers – The envelopes for Christmas flowers are in the pews. Please fill it out
completely. We request that your donations are between \$10 and \$20 (cash only). **Please return
your envelopes TODAY.** Thank you very much!

Turkey Pies – There are a few small turkey pies available (\$5.00 each).

Gingerbread Houses – The Sunday school children have made two beautiful gingerbread houses.
Tickets will be available for a chance to win one of these edible creations at coffee hour during the
season of Advent. All proceeds go to programs at Maryvale. Thank you for your contributions.

Advent Soup Lunches – Every Sunday of Advent, after the 10:00 am service, to support the Council of the North. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall for contributions towards this ministry to our brothers and sisters in northern Canada.

2016 Church Calendars – now available from Margaret Jemison (519-969-7584). Cost is \$6.

The Journey – Please pick up your Advent/Christmas issue of our newsletter in the narthex, or visit our website for the full colour PDF.

Talent Show 2016 – A heads up on our **Annual Pot Luck and Talent Show**: it will be held on Saturday Jan 16. More information to come. Jen and John.



“Renewing Our space and Improving Our Accessibility”

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