St. Matthew's Anglican Church

"We are called to share God's love as we welcome and care for our community."

The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Todd Townshend
Bishop of Huron, Officiant

The Rev'd Gilles Haché
Rector

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"With gratitude for all stewards of the land, past, present and future, we acknowledge that the St. Matthew's community gathers on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa – keepers of the faith; the Odawa – keepers of trade; and the Potawatomie – keepers of the fire."

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation

Memorial Windows Dedication
Sunday, September 27, 2026

Please Note: Free-will offerings may be placed in the collection plate at the back of the church.

Prelude: Voluntary (G.F. Handel)

Processional: Glory and Praise to Our God (D. Schutte)

The Gathering of the Community

Territorial & Land Acknowledgement

The Greeting

Glory to God

The Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading (EX 17:1-7)

Psalm: 78:1-4, 12-16 BAS (Green Book) p. 806

Refrain: Our God split the rocks and gave them drink.

Second Reading: (PHIL 2:1-13)

The Gospel Acclamation (MT 21:23-32)

Homily - Bishop Todd Townshend

Anthem: Voice of Christ (T.R. Smith)

The Nicene Creed

The Dedication of the Memorial Windows

Confession and Absolution - Bishop Todd Townshend

The Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: Draw the Circle Wide (G. Light)

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer #3

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread #4

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Procession: Love One Another (J.J. Chepponis)

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

The Blessing

Dismissal

Recessional: The Love of Jesus Calls Us (H. O'Driscoll and S.S. Wesley)

Blessings to you and yours
Everyone is invited to continue our celebration
in the Church Hall

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Welcome visitors – we are blessed you are with us.
Please let us know how we can serve you.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the Dedication of the Memorial Windows

Next Sunday's Readings, October 4, 2026 – Exodus 20:1-4; 7-9; Ps 19; Philippians: 3:4-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: Laura Lavoy, Jane Patterson

Lectors: Mary Grace Weir, Jayne Flammia

Intercessor: Nadine Donlon

Communion Ministers: Bill McAdam, Alisa Yednoroz, Rev'd Mark Wilton

Collection Supervisor: Nadine Donlon

Counter: John Riddle

Sidespersons: Judith Lester, Deb French

Church Nurse (by appointment): Mary Louise Drake

Marlborough School Breakfast Duty, Monday Sept. 28, Team #3: Sue Trenhaile, Danielle Richer, Paul Finlayson.

Reflection of the Week – Sunday, September 27

The Scriptures today remind us that God entrusts His gifts to us—water, light, mercy, truth—not only to receive but to carry forward together as one body in Christ. In Exodus, the people cry out in fear: "Is the Lord among us or not?" Yet water flows from the rock—unexpected, abundant, and faithful. God's presence is not fragile. It is steadfast. And the people are invited to steward that presence by remembering, trusting, and walking forward in hope. Psalm 78 calls us to pass on the stories of God's wonders. This is stewardship in its purest form: faith handed on, memory preserved, gratitude shared.

Today, as we dedicate the memorial windows from St. James, we live this psalm. These windows carry the devotion, sacrifice, and love of a community that gave generously so Christ's life would shine in colour and light. They are not simply art—they are testimony, catechism, and blessing. They speak of saints who prayed, served, and hoped that future generations would see Christ's light. Now their story becomes part of ours. Paul urges us in Philippians to take on the mind of Christ—humble, united, self-giving. And Jesus' parable challenges us to live the "yes" we speak. The windows ask us the same question: Will we honour the faith of those who came before us by living our own "yes" with courage, generosity, and joy? With these windows, two histories meet. Two communities join. Two stories become one. The light that shines through them is one light—Christ's light—calling us to walk forward together in shared mission, shared gratitude, and shared hope. May this dedication strengthen our unity and deepen our commitment to be one community, one body in Christ, carrying the witness of faith into the future.

Take-Home Questions:
Remembering God's gifts — Where have I seen God's faithfulness "flow like water" in my own life, especially in moments of uncertainty?
Receiving the story — What stories of faith—my own or from others—do I feel called to carry forward into the future?
Living my "yes" — Where is Christ inviting me to move from saying "yes" with words to living "yes" with action?
Becoming one body — How can I help strengthen our shared life as one community at St. Matthew's all together—in humility, gratitude, and hope?

Blessings to you and yours, Fr. Gilles+

Announcements

St. Matthew's Annual Mega Book Sale - Friday, October 2 from 5 to 8 pm, and Saturday, October 3 from 9 am to 2 pm. Bookmarks and posters are available in the narthex—please help spread the word.

Gordie Howe International Bridge Presentation - Friday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, followed by a complimentary luncheon. Admission is free, and all are welcome. This is a public event open to the wider community. **As space is limited to the church hall capacity**, **you must RSVP as early as possible.** Please sign up directly with Irene, or email *stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org* to confirm your attendance.

Astronomy in Action – Saturday, November 7. Shows from 10 am to 6 pm, in the hall. For information and tickets, go to *https://www.astronomyinaction.com/tour-windsor-2026-fall*

Christmas Craft & Food Market – Saturday, November 14, 9am-2pm in the church hall. Sign up to volunteer, mark your calendars, and invite family and friends. Unique crafts, lunch and desserts, frozen pies and soups, and baked goods galore!

Visit of Archbishop Chris Harper – November 21 & 22 - We are honoured to welcome **The Most Reverend Chris Harper**, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, to St. Matthew's. **Saturday, November 21 – Workshop (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Sunday, November 22 – Eucharist at 10 a.m.** On Saturday, Archbishop Chris Harper will take us on a journey for truth, reconciliation, and reconcili-ACTION, and will preside and preach at our Sunday Eucharist. Please mark your calendars and

invite family and friends. Let us make this a time of gathering, spiritual growth, and shared commitment to reconciliation. Please pre-register as soon as possible with Irene, by email at *stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org*, or call 519-259-2420.

Steak Dinner – Friday, November 27, in the church hall; doors open at 5 pm. $35/ person. Make your reservations with Irene, by email at *stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org* , or call 519-259-2420.

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