St. Matthew's Anglican Church

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

Address:

St. Matthew's
Anglican Church
1600 Norfolk St.
Windsor, Ontario N9E 1H5

Sunday Services

8:00 am said Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
with the Choir

Fellowship Hour to follow

Wednesday Services

11:00 am said Holy Eucharist

The Rev'd Gilles Haché is in office by appointment.

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The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 25, 2026

The Reverend Gilles Haché, Rector
The Reverend Mark Wilton
Michael Ricketts, Liturgical Musician
Nadine Donlon, Lay Reader

"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."

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

Prelude: Andante con moto (J. Bernardo)
Processional: Rejoice, the Lord Is King Blue Book #379 (verses 1,2, & 5)

The Gathering of the Community Green Book p. 185

Collect of the Day Green Book p. 388

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm: 90: 1-6; 13-17 Green Book p. 826

Refrain: Teach us to number our days.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-36

Homily

Anthem: Put on Love (K. Powell)

The Apostles' Creed Green Book p.189

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

Confession and Absolution Green Book p. 191

The Greeting of Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: Come to My Heart Songs of Praise #12

Prayer Over the Gifts Green Book p. 389

Eucharistic Prayer # 5 **Green Book p. 204**

The Lord's Prayer Green Book p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #3 Green Book p. 212

Lamb of God

Communion: Love One Another (J. Chepponis)

Prayer After Communion Green Book p. 389

Doxology Green Book p. 214

Recessional: Come Down, O Love Divine Blue Book #645 (verses 1, 3, & 4)

Postlude: Maestoso (J. Pilland)

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 at the back

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: Laura Lavoy, Jane Patterson
Lectors: Ian Musgrave, Michael Edeh
Intercessor: Virginia Whittal
Collection Supervisor: Roger Wurdemann
Sidespersons: Gail Henderson, Gail Yascheshyn
Communion Ministers: Danny Yascheshyn, Alisa Yednoroz

Marlborough Breakfast Program: **Team 4:** Rev'd Gilles Haché, Ian Musgrave, Brenda Horvath.

Church Nurse (by appointment): Mary Louise Drake

Next Sunday Readings, November 1, 2026 – Wisdom 3:1-9; Ps 34: 1-10; 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12.

Announcements

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. Sign up sheet in the hall, or email stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org to confirm your attendance.

Astronomy in Action – Saturday, November 7. Shows from 10 am to 6 pm. 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 good 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. Sign up sheet in the hall, or email: stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org, or call 519-259-2420.

Steak Dinner – Friday, November 27, in the church hall; doors open at 5 pm. Sign up sheet in the hall, or reserve by email at stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org , or calling 519-259-2420.

Stewardship

Love Is Our First Gift Back to God. Jesus teaches that God's greatest desire is not first our money, but our love. Stewardship begins with a relationship. When we love God wholeheartedly, generosity naturally follows. **Reflection Question:** Does my stewardship reflect my love for God, or is it merely a sense of obligation?

Loving God with Our Whole Selves Notice the word "all" in Jesus' answer. Stewardship is the response of offering our whole lives to God.
Our time demonstrates what we value. Our talents reveal how we serve.
Our treasure reflects our priorities.

Stewardship asks: How am I loving God with all that I am and all that I have? Jesus immediately connects love of God with love of neighbour. The two cannot be separated. Christian stewardship is therefore not simply supporting the church's mission. It is participating in God's work of caring for others, especially those in need. **Reflection Question:** How are my gifts helping to share God's love with others in my parish and community?

Reflection of the Week Sunday, October 25, 2026

When I reflect on this Gospel, I realize how easy it is to become busy with the work of life and even with the work of the Church. We can become focused on tasks, schedules, responsibilities, and accomplishments. Yet Jesus reminds us that the heart of discipleship is not activity but relationship. Sometimes I ask myself: Do I spend as much energy nurturing my relationship with God as I do managing my daily responsibilities? Do I truly see Christ in the people I encounter each day, especially those who challenge me? This Gospel invites us to move from merely "doing" for God to genuinely "being" with God. When our love for God deepens, our love for others becomes more authentic. We become more patient, more compassionate, more generous, and more willing to serve.

This week, Jesus invites us to:
Begin each day by consciously placing God at the centre.
Look for opportunities to show kindness and compassion.
Listen more attentively to others.
Forgive someone who has hurt us.
Use our gifts and resources as expressions of love rather than duty.
Remember that every person we meet is beloved by God.

Blessings to you and yours, Gilles+

Our Leadership Team

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