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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 8, 2026

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

"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: Pastorale (S. Vann)
Processional: Rejoice, the Lord Is King Blue Book #379 (verses 1,3, & 5)

The Gathering of the Community Green Book p. 185

Collect of the Day Green Book p. 391

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3A, 14-25

Psalm: 78:1-7 Green Book p. 806

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Homily

Anthem: He Will Come (J. Bell)

The Apostles' Creed Green Book p.189

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

Confession and Absolution Green Book p. 191

The Greeting of Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Blue Book #486

Prayer Over the Gifts Green Book p. 392

Eucharistic Prayer # 2 **Green Book p. 196**

The Lord's Prayer Green Book p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread *as announced* Green Book p. 212

Lamb of God

Communion: Within the Reign of God (M. Haugen)

Prayer After Communion Green Book p. 392

Doxology Green Book p. 214

Recessional: You Servants of the Lord Blue Book #93 (verses 1-4)

Postlude: Andante Con Moto (P. Warlock, arr. R. Lloyd)

Welcome visitors – We are blessed you are with us, please let us know how we can serve you.

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantor: Jane Patterson **Clarinet:** Gordon Drake
Lectors: Alisa Yednoroz, Danny Yascheshyn
Intercessor: Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick
Collection Supervisor: Nadine Donlon **Counter:** John Riddle
Sidespersons: Brenda Horvath, Ian Musgrave
Communion Ministers: John Riddle, Nadine Donlon
Marlborough Breakfast Program: **Team 2:** Louise Davis, Roger Wurdemann, Lori Maisonville.

Church Nurse (by appointment): Mary Louise Drake

Next Sunday Readings, November 15, 2026 – Judges 4:1-7; Ps 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30.

Announcements

Christmas Craft & Food Market – Saturday, November 14, 9am-2pm in the church hall. There are still lots of opportunities to volunteer, sign-up sheets in the hall. Invite family and friends. Unique crafts, lunch and desserts, frozen pies and soups, and baked good galore!

Evening Prayer at St. Matthew's - Join us on Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. for a special service of Evening Prayer at St. Matthew's Anglican Church. We are delighted to welcome the Choir of All Saints' Windsor, who will join our own St. Matthew's Choir in leading this beautiful service through prayer and music. Following the service, a complimentary light dinner will be served in the Parish Hall. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Invite a friend, neighbour, or family member to share in this uplifting evening of worship and fellowship.

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. Sign up with Irene or Rev'd Gilles, or email: stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org, or call 519-259-2420.

Stewardship

In the Gospel, the wise bridesmaids are prepared when the bridegrooms arrive. **Jesus reminds us that faithful discipleship is not a last-minute effort but a lifelong practice.** The oil in their lamps can be seen as the habits of faith that sustain us: prayer, generosity, worship, service, and trust in God.

As we reflect on stewardship, perhaps we might ask ourselves:

- How am I choosing to serve God in my daily life?
- What legacy of faith am I leaving for those who follow me?
- Is my lamp filled with the oil of prayer, generosity, and service?
- How is God inviting me to be a faithful steward of the gifts entrusted to me?

May we, like the wise bridesmaids, be found ready, faithful, and joyful when Christ comes among us. Amen.

Reflection of the Week Sunday, November 8, 2026

Matthew 25:1-13
"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Jesus tells the parable of ten bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom. All ten fall asleep, but only five are prepared when the bridegroom arrives. The difference is not that some were awake and others asleep. The difference is that some were ready. The oil in their lamps can symbolize many things: faith, prayer, spiritual maturity, acts of love, and a living relationship with God. These are not things that can be borrowed from someone else at the last moment. Each person must nurture their own life with Christ. This parable reminds us that discipleship is not about dramatic moments but about daily faithfulness. Readiness for God's coming is built through ordinary acts of prayer, worship, service, generosity, and trust. Many people spend their lives preparing for careers, retirement, vacations, or important events. Jesus asks whether we are preparing our hearts as carefully as we prepare every other aspect of life. The good news is that today is always another opportunity to refill our lamps. God's grace invites us each day into a deeper relationship with him.

Questions for the week:

- What are you doing to keep your spiritual lamp burning brightly?
- Are there habits of prayer, worship, or service that need renewing in your life?
- Where have you become spiritually complacent or distracted?
- If Christ came today, would your priorities reflect your faith?
- How can you prepare your heart this week to recognize God's presence in everyday life?

Blessings to you and yours, Gilles+

Our Leadership Team

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