

Advent 3
Mary Said Yes!

THE POWER OF
YES

December 14, 2025

Advent 3:

Christmas Play / “Mary said Yes!”

Sunday, December 14, 2025

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Pentatonic Fantasy on Kingsfold"</i>	B. Cabena
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Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 251 “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Hymn 240 v. 1-3 *“Light One Candle”*

*Greeting

*Kyrie p. 184

*Prayer of the Day

Word

"Mary Said Yes!": A Christmas Pageant by Rev. Andrea Roske Metcalfe

Hymn 253 *"He Came Down"* Children v.1-2, All v. 3-4

Prologue: Elizabeth, Zechariah and John the Baptist

Hymn 249 v.1-2 "On Jordan's Bank"

Act 1: Mary

Hymn 723 “Canticle of the Turning”

Act 2: Joseph

Solo: “O Holy Night”

Act 3: The Shepherds

Hymn 289 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Epilogue: All the Rest of Us

Duet: "*Budapesto*" by C. Cheney

*Prayers of Intercession

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 247

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving

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*Holy, Holy, Holy

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*Thanksgiving at the Table

*Lord's Prayer (*Our Father in heaven...*)

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Lamb of God

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Communion Hymns 487, 737

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 242

"Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Rejoice, Rejoice"

M. Sedio

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Mary's story stands as one of the clearest examples of what it means to say "yes" to God's invitation. In many respects, there are actually two moments of "yes" in Mary's story. The first comes at the Annunciation wherein Gabriel appears and tells her that she will conceive a son. Mary's second "yes" comes in her subsequent visit to Elizabeth. This second "yes" is literally sung in proclamation, a celebration of God's liberating act for the humble.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Carey Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Bob Loeb sack

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Pageant Participants:

Children: Davis, Elise, Ezra, James, Lauren, Mason, Meghan, Noah, Spencer, Sydney, Vivienne

Adults: Bob, Mike

Cello: James

Flute: Julia

Guitar and Solo: Dennis

Percussion: Peter

Narrators: Dennis, Karen, Linda, Pastor Carey

Musical Coordination: Lindsay

Violin and Overall Coordination: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Communion Server: Jeanette Harrop

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Don Robins (519-502-2099)

Worship Notes

In our prayers, Edith Strathearn, Marjorie, Kevin, Betty, Anneke, Judy, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen, and John.

Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.



Christmas Worship at St. Matthews

Christmas Eve (German) December 24th at 5:00 pm	Christmas Eve (English) December 24th at 7:30 pm
Christmas Day December 25th at 9:30 am	New Year's Eve December 31st at 4:30 pm



CHRISTMAS

Cabaret & Carol Sing

DECEMBER 21, 2025 @ 3 PM

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54 BENTON ST, KITCHENER

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Khang Le, classical guitar
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Celebration Bells
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Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

Wednesday, December 24: German Language Christmas Eve Service (5 pm)

Wednesday, December 24: English Language Christmas Eve Service (7:30 pm)

Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day Service (9:30 am)

Wednesday, December 31: New Year's Eve Service (4:30 pm)

Wednesday, January 7: Noontime Oasis Resumes

Sunday, January 18: Special Congregational Meeting

The St. Matthews Centre, our community hub, has a website which links all upcoming events, especially concerts of the KW Symphony and the Grand Philharmonic Choir.

Scroll down to "Upcoming Events" at
<https://www.stmatthewscentre.ca>.

The St. Matthews Centre also has a Facebook page, which you can "follow" to get updates.





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