

Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

- a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Thought for the week

"Christianity is about a way of life, a path,
and it has been from its very beginning.

At the centre of Jesus' own teaching
is the notion of a "way" or a "path",
and the first name of the early Christian movement
was "the Way".

Yet...in modern Western Christianity, faith means
holding a certain set of "beliefs".

This turns the Christian faith into a 'head matter'
... (whereas) Christianity is a "way" - the way of the heart."

Marcus Borg, 'The Heart of Christianity'

Order of Service for Sunday 14 January 2018

Sunday 14 January 2018

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Sacrament of Baptism and

Admissions by Profession of Faith

Call to Worship (congregational responses are **in bold**)

As we break from our conversations
and gather our thoughts,
let us say and hear these ancient words of the
Psalmist:

**O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made.**

And so, having acknowledged that we are formed
by
and known to God,
we gather to bring him our worship and praise.

Procession-Introit: **Holy Holy & I want to be a Christian**
(Joyful Singers)

Welcome

Prayer of Approach

Praise: You are before me, God, you are behind (CH4
96)

(Tune: Highland Cathedral)

1. You are before me, God, you are behind,
and over me you have spread out your hand;
such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too high to grasp, too great to understand.

2. Then from your Spirit where, God, shall I go,
and from your presence where, God, shall I fly
If I ascend to heaven you are there,
and still are with me, if in hell I lie.

3. If I should take my flight into the dawn,
if I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,

your mighty hand will rest upon me still,
and your right hand will guard me evermore.

4.If I should say, 'Let darkness cover me,
and I shall hide within the veil of night',
surely the darkness is not dark to you,
the night is as the day, the darkness light.

5.Search me, O God, search me and know my heart,
try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;
keep me from any path that gives you pain,
and lead me in the everlasting way.

Children's Message

Praise: Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia, praise ye the Lord

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia

Praise ye the Lord.

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia

Praise ye the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord, alleluia

Praise ye the Lord, alleluia

Praise ye the Lord, alleluia

Praise ye the Lord.

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - concluding with The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Praise: Every new morning, God gives us freely (CH4
213)

1. Every new morning
God gives us freely
hearts that are thankful,
strength for the task,
people who love us,
joy in our service,
all we have need of
if we but ask.

2. God will be with us
in all our thinking,
in all our speaking,
in all we do;
and as we praise him
by all our actions,
he will be with us,
seeing us through.

3. God in the morning,
God in the noontide,
God in the evening,
all through the day;
God is within us,
and all around us,
God goes before us,
all of the way.

Reading: **1 Corinthians 6: 12 – 20**

(p. 1148)

Sexual Immorality

12 “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything.

13 You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!

16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.”

17 But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Reflection: “Are our bodies in union with Christ?”

Praise: Take my life and let it be

(MP 624)

- 1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love;

take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee.

- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will, and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine:
take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at Thy feet its treasure store:
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all, for Thee.

Reading: **John 1: 43 – 51**

(p. 1064)

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee.
Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of
Bethsaida.

45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found
the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom
the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of
Joseph.”

46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”
Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."

51 He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

Reflection: "The journey of faith"

Praise: Will you come and follow me?

(CH4 533)

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Offering & Prayer of Dedication – Joyful Singers: **Kakah
mandem**

Church News

Anthem: **Keep Going Ahead**
(Joyful Singers)

Sacrament of Baptism of *Stefan Sprangers*
and **Admission by Profession of Faith**

- of *Florestan and Lynda Bureau*, and
Joshua Paundra and Stefan Sprangers

Praise: Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me
(CH4 619/20)

Ch4 619:

Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me:
Break me, melt me,
Mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

CH4 620:

Spirit of the living God,
Move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind,
Makes us one in love,
Humble, caring,
Selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God,
Fill our lives with love.

Prayers for Others - Elder

Praise: O Jesus, I have promised (MP 501)

Tune: Thornbury

Verses 1 – 4

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway

if Thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel Thee near me;
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear Thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, Thou hast promised,
to all who follow Thee,
that where Thou art in glory
there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow
my Master and my friend.

Benediction and three-fold Amen

The **Congregational AGM** will be on **Sunday 4th March**
immediately following the service.

Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com
For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

Birthdays

This week we congratulate Christilito Cuvulay and Lee Bouwman on their birthdays. *Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!*

What's on the agenda?

Tuesday 16 January 19h45 Council Meeting
Sunday 21 January 10h30 Worship led by Rev Irene Bom

Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson
Elder: Bob Hensen
Children's message: Derek Lawson
Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp or
Joyful Singers: Esther Abang
Bible Reader: Jean Galloway
Welcome: Jaco Jacobs & Steve Russell
Crèche: Gwendoline & Wenli Wan
Deacons-Counting: Frans v.d. Meer & Mavis Fleming
Door: Peace Acquaah
Beamer: Anthony Evovo
Recording: Andre v.d. Velden
Hospitality: Raneë Damanik & Regina Pariury
Flowers: Pam Russell
Security opening & closing: Ato Bob & Ruud

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Summary 07.01.18

Open plate	351.87
Envelopes	420.60
Coffee money (TBA)	3.00
Sunday School (n.a.)	12.90
Bank (weekly avg.)	282.00
Fixed rental weekly avg.	368.00
Additional rental avg	<u>322.00</u>
	€ 1,760.37

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Average weekly expenditure € 1,972.00

Mission Offering for Mamre € 128.70

Church News of 07.01.2018 announced by the Elder

- The **Young Adults Christian Fellowship** continues today at 12:30 in the attic of the Manse.
- **The Ladies Bible Study** continues Monday 15th January 8pm @ Rev. Irene Bom's, after a 3-week break. All ladies are welcome, also if you can only come every now and then.
- There is a **list for this year's Bible reading & bringing Flowers**. Please put your name and email on the notice board.
- **Our AGM - Annual General Meeting** reviewing 2017 has been rescheduled to **Sunday 4th March** almost immediately after the Service. All Teams, Groups and projects are requested to send a brief, half A4, report to **the Consistory Clerk before 15th February**.
- **Eric Foggitt** has conducted a number of very useful lessons in **public speaking and reading**. The last session will be on **Saturday 20th January** from 09:45 till 12:00. If you are a participant and have not sent Eric an **email for your assignment**,

please do so or see Ato Bob for Eric's e-mail. You can also ask me for a printed copy of the assignment.

- If you like to receive the **SICR Weekly Bulletin** in your mailbox every Thursday, make sure Ato Bob has your email address.
- If you did not hear these announcements properly, find them on the **Notice Board** downstairs, with a copy to take away.
- Please note: the spoken word counts!