## Welcome to the



a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

# WORSHIP for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in



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#### **Daily Bible Readings**

Monday, December 10: Psalm 126; Isaiah 40:1-11; Romans 8:22-25 Tuesday, December 11: Psalm 126; Isaiah 19:18-25; 2 Peter 1:2-15 Wednesday, December 12: Psalm 126; Isaiah 35:3-7; Luke 7:18-30

**Thursday, December 13**: Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 6:1-8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 **Friday, December 14**: Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 8:4-12; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

**Saturday, December 15**: Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 9:8-15; Luke 1:57-66

# A Prayer for Advent

God of latent life and growing shoots,
we wait for you in an expectant world:
we long for your wisdom to be at work in our lives
and, with our sisters and brothers,
we yearn for your justice to be done on earth. Amen
from "Advent Readings from Iona"

Order of Service for Sunday 9th December 2018

## Order of Service for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Call to Worship (congregational lines in bold) Malachi 3:1-4 "See I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.
But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.
Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years."

Introit (Joyful Singers): Wonto ayeyi dwom oo Christ oreba & Daa nase, da naa ase

(Text see below)

Welcome & Prayer of Approach



Hymn 283 The voice of God goes out to all the world

(Tune: Woodlands, No. 286)

Lighting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Candle - a Candle of Peace

Hymn 282 'Christmas is coming',

the Church is glad to sing

(Chorus, v.1, chorus, v.2, chorus)

Children's Message

Praise: I've got peace like a river (SSS2014 no 43 MP 353)

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river

# I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain ...

I've got love like the ocean ...

Blessing on the Children

Reflection of Today's Candle

Hymn 474 Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son! (Tune: Cruger, MP 204)

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.

# Hymn 277 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes

Readings: **Philippians 1: 3 – 11** (p.1178) **Luke 3: 1 – 6** (p. 1029)

Reflection: "Jesus – the embodied promise of a new world"

Offering - during which the Joyful Singers will sing:

Kakah mandem,kakah mandem

(Text see below)

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem (Joyful Singers): Nyame ye Osahene

(Text see below)

Church News

Prayers for Others - Elder

Hymn: Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come

(Tune: Personent Hodie, No.193)

Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew, come to make all things new; hear God's people's burden, freely love and pardon.

Ring bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing! When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan: God will come as a man, born himself of woman, God divinely human.

#### Chorus

Mary hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed. In her womb God is laid: till the time expected, nurtured and protected.

Chorus
Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Chorus

Benediction and 3-fold Amen

After the Service there will be an opportunity for accompanied prayer

Remember: Next Sunday the Church Bookstall will be open in the hall after the Service.

## Christmas Services

Next Sunday (16 Dec) the service will include the Sunday School Nativity Play

Sunday 23 Dec the service at 10.30am will be a Joint Service with the Hope International Baptist Church; and at 7.30pm there will be a Service of Lessons & Carols,

On Christmas Eve we'll have a Christingle Service at 7.00pm.

before which there will be the Christmas Tea from 5.30pm.

Then on Christmas Day there will be a Family Celebration of Christmas at 10.30am.

## 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 <a href="mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com">pray.sicr@gmail.com</a>

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

## What's on the agenda?

Wed 12 Dec 10h30 Ladies Bible Study

Wed 12 Dec 19h30 Bible Study –last meeting this year

Saturday 15 Dec 09h00 Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 16 Dec 10h30 Service for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

- including the Sunday School Nativity Play

Tuesday 18 Dec 19h45 Consistory Meeting

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#### INTROIT

Wonto ayeyi dwom oo Christ oreba Wonto ayeyi dwom oo Christ oreba 2x

Ye beto ayeyi dwom ara Ayeyi dwom ara Ye be -to oh Ayeyi dwom ye beto

Daa nase, da naa ase Da Onyami ase 2x Efise oyee Na nadom wosoro oo Da nase da nase Da onyame ase

#### OFFERING

Kakah mandem, kakah mandem Kakah mandem, kakah mandem Kakah mandem oh oh kakah yi Kakah mandem oh oh kakah mandem

Nokoh mandem, nokoh mandem Nokoh mandem, nokoh mandem Nokoh mandem, oh oh nokoh yi Nokoh mandem oh oh nokoh mandem

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord Praise the Lord, praise the Lord Praise the lord oh oh praise him Praise the Lord oh oh praise him.

#### **ANTHEM**

Nyame ye Osahene 3x Yebe di nkonim Mmo, Onyame mmo mmo Màgya Onyame mmo

## Church news announced by the Elder 09.12.18

Please take the Order of Service home, so you can refer to it for our activities over the coming weeks and follow the Daily Bible reading shown on the front.

There are several Advent calendars available online, with Bible Readings and meditations, which will lead you all the way to Christmas. Find the one of the Church of Scotland on the SICR website.

If you want to your child to take part in the Sunday School Christmas Party, please register on the notice board or contact Dennis Acquaye or Annemarie Fleming.

Advent & Christmas Services information can be found in this Order of Service on our website and on the posters in the Lower hall.

If you didn't hear these announcements correctly, find them on the notice board with a copy to take away.