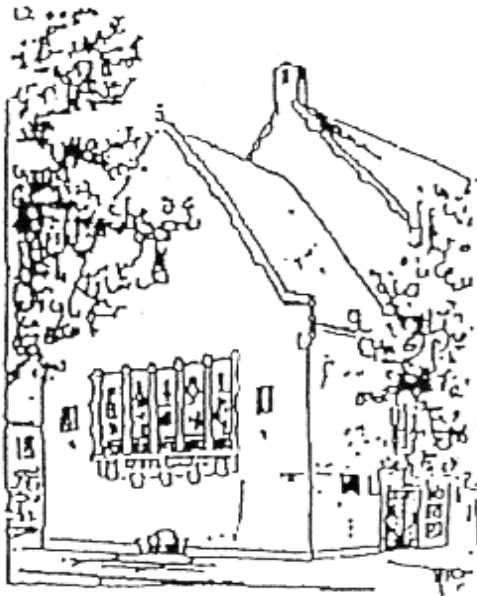


The Scots International Church Rotterdam



**Schiedamsevest 121,
Rotterdam
Services every Sunday at 10.30 am**

Christmas Day Service 2013

Call to worship

Praise: Come and join the celebration (MP 83)

Prayer and welcome

Praise: O Denneboom

O DENNEBOOM O DENNEBOOM
HOE SCHOON ZIJN UWE TAKKEN
DEZE ZOMER IS VOORBIJ GEGAAN
EN IK ZIE U NOG IN SCHOONHEID STAAN
O DENNEBOOM O DENNEBOOM
HOE SCHOON ZIJN UW TAKKEN

OH DENNEBOOM O DENNEBOOM
IK ZIE UW LICHTJES STRALEN
O LAAT ONS IN WARME SCHIJN
EEN LICHT VOOR ANDRE MENSEN ZIJN
O DENNEBOOM O DENNEBOOM
IK ZIE UW LICHTJES STRALEN

Children's message and the lighting of Christmas candles

Praise Emmanuel

1. Sing a song, a song of joy
Come along to see the boy
A baby boy who from heaven came
Emmanuel is His Name

Chorus:
Emmanuel - God is with us

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God is with us - Emmanuel

2. Shepherds heard the angels sing
Bringing news of a baby king
So they went without delay
To see the baby in a manger where he lay

(Repeat chorus)

3. Wise men came from afar
They were led by a star
They brought him gifts, gifts of joy
Gold and myrrh and frankincense for the boy

(Repeat chorus)

Praise Infant holy, infant lowly (MP 342)

Bible reading: **Micah 5: 2 – 5a** (p. 933)

Praise: O little town of Bethlehem (MP 503)

Bible reading: **John 1: 1 – 4** (p. 1028)

Praise: Once in royal David's city (MP 539;
vs. 1, 2, 5, 6)

Christmas meditation: **"The Word made Flesh"**

Praise: From heaven you came (162)

Offering and prayers

Praise O come, all ye faithful (MP 491)

Benediction and '3 –fold' Amen

Minister: Rev. Robert Calvert
Organist: Mr. Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp
Elder: Ruud Witte
Bible reading: Arnold Kekesi and Marion Elisabeth

Call to worship (based upon Philippians 2: 6-11)

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, You are truly God
All: **But you did not try to remain equal with God.**

Leader: You gave up everything and became a slave,
All: **When you became like one of us.**

Leader: You were humble; you obeyed God.
All: **You obeyed God and even died on a cross.**

Leader: Then God gave you the highest place,
All: **And honoured your name above all others.**

Leader: So at the name of Jesus, everyone will bow down
All: **Those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.**

Leader: And to the glory of God the Father, everyone will
openly agree
All: **Jesus Christ is Lord!**

Christmas Day

A very happy Christmas – this is the traditional day when the world wide church recalls the birth of Jesus Christ. The minister, elders and deacons wish all members and friends of the Scots International Church a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Mission offering

The mission offering taken up this month is to be given to the **Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza**. This is the Presbytery of Europe's mission project for 2013-2014. The Hospital is respected as a provider of the quality health care for all. It works closely with the Palestinian National Authority Ministry of Health and is the first to receive the overflow from the government hospital in Gaza. The hospital is open to all, irrespective of their faith. It treats the poor without charge. It

treats those hurt in the crossfire. This hospital works because the staff, Muslims and Christians, work unstintingly to take care of those around them. The Chief Surgeon is a Muslim and the Director of the Hospital is a Christian. Check out: www.jmeca.org.uk

Beta bible studies

In the New Year on Wednesdays from the 8th of January, the minister offers bible studies on themes about Christian faith and life. Let him know if there are issues that you want to talk about.