

Welcome to the



Scots International Church Rotterdam

- a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

WORSHIP for the 1st Sunday in



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A Prayer for Advent

"O God, you know me better than I know myself -
you know my being and my doing.

In this time of Advent preparation,
help me to spring clean my life.

Help me to deepen and strengthen my relationships:
to you, to others, and to myself.

Take my hand and lead me on a journey.
Amen."

From 'Advent Readings from Iona'

Order of Service for the 1st Sunday in Advent 27 November 2016

*Call to Worship (congregational lines **in bold**)*

Arise, shine, for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Let creation be surprised!

Let the world be amazed!

Let grown-ups and children clap their hands
for God is coming to transform the earth.

Bring prayers of longing and songs of praise.

Bring ears to hear and hearts to respond.

Bring lives of commitment to surprise the world.

Bring spirit-filled deeds which heal and transform.

Bring Advent hopes as a journey begins.

Bring Advent light to illumine the way.

Welcome & Prayer of Approach

Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle - a Candle of Surprise

Hymn: **Come close, Advent God**

(Tune of 'Away in a manger')

Come close, Advent God, come to open our eyes.

In a world of routine, bring your loving surprise;

let all be alert lest we miss the great day;

salvation draws near when we follow your way.

Stirring up the Christmas Puddings

Praise: **Go forth and tell!**

(MP 178)

Tune: Woodlands (CH4 286)

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - Elder - The Lord's Prayer

OT Reading: Isaiah 2 : 1 – 5

(p. 686)

Praise: **Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes** (MP 210)



Reflection 1
Praise: **'Thy kingdom come!' - on bended knee** (CH4 473)

NT Reading : Romans 13 : 11 – 14 (p. 1140)

Reflection 2

Praise: Soldiers of Christ, arise (MP 604)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24 : 36 - 44 (p. 994)

Reflection 3

Praise for Advent : Sunrise

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Church News

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Advent Dedication -

**We dedicate ourselves:
to be a people of faith,
believing in one God - Father, Son and Spirit;
to be a people of sacrifice,
giving of ourselves so that others might live;
to be a people of trust,
rejecting cynicism and refusing despair;
to be a people of prophecy,
holding out Good News to a weary world;
to be a people of hope,
waiting expectantly for the coming of a Saviour;
until we see Jesus face to face. Amen.**

Praise: **Let us build a house where love can dwell** (CH4 198)

Benediction and 3-fold Amen

Christmas Day & New Year's Day Services
As both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Sundays,
there will be worship as usual on 25 December
and 1 January at 10.30am each Sunday.
The Christmas Day service will be for all the family
and on New Year's Day we will, as usual, celebrate the
Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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 Rebecca Taylor (Saturday) on her birthday.
Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 4 Dec Service for the 2nd Sunday in Advent at 10.30am
Tuesday 6 Dec Consistory Meeting at 7.45pm

Who's who Today - Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Fred Booman
Children's message: Rev Derek Lawson
Organist: Amund Roe
Bible Reader: Molly Foster
Welcome: Pam Russel & Mavis Ettienne
Crèche: Maaïke van der Eerden & Nnenna Koka
Deacons-Counting: Ruud Witte & Bridget Teisman
Door: Frans van der Meer
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For the Beamer

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.**

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