

Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

FAMILY WORSHIP for the 4th Sunday in



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A Final Advent Prayer

"We praise you, O God,

in Christ you came to turn the world upside down,
to bring down the powerful and to lift up the lowly;

in Christ you came to turn the tables,

to fling away vain idols and to scatter the proud;

in Christ you came to stir up a revolution of love:

to feed the hungry, to clothe the poor,

to give sight to the blind, to set the captives free;

in Christ you came to proclaim your kingdom here on earth -

to turn the world downside up.

We praise you! Amen.

From 'Advent Readings from Iona'



Family Service for the 4th Sunday in Advent 18 December 2016

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

Because God chose not a palace but a tent,
we bear witness to the light.

Because God chose to be one of us, not apart from us,
we bear witness to the light.

Because God chose the margins, not the centre,
we bear witness to the light.

Because a woman said yes when she could have said no,
we bear witness to the light.

For nothing is impossible for God.

Introit: **Meh noko moh Mandem & In moments like these**

(Joyful Singers)

Welcome

Prayer of Approach

Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle - a Candle of Promise

Hymn: Come close, Advent God

(Tune of 'Away in a manger')

**Come close, Advent God, with a promise of life
For a world filled with conflict,**

of anger and strife.

A candle is lit for the peace-bringing child:

A gift for the nations, renewed, reconciled.

Prayer of Confession and The Lord's Prayer

Praise: Come, thou long-expected Jesus

(MP 102)

**The Sunday School presents a dramatized version of the carol
"The Little Drummer Boy" and sing I'm not a shepherd**

OT Reading: Isaiah 7: 10 – 16

(p. 692)

NT Reading : Romans 1: 1 – 7

(p.1128)

Reflection: "The Sign and the Gospel of Immanuel"

Praise: O little town of Bethlehem (MP 503)

What's a Christingle?

**Praise: The Christingle begins
with an orange**

Lighting the Christingles

Praise: Away in a manger (MP 47)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1: 18 - 25 (p. 965)

Reflection: "The 4 Cs of our Gospel reading"

Offering - during which the Joyful Singers will sing:
Chineke nam ndewo & Jesu ni wango

Prayer of Dedication

Church News

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession - Elder

Praise: It was on a starry night when the hills were bright
(CH4 302)

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.

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.

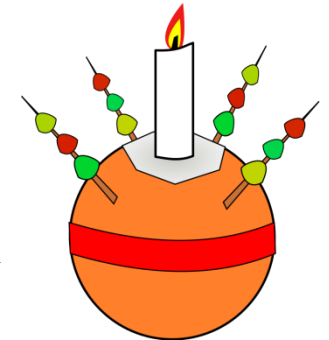
Soup & Christmas Pudding Lunch - Sunday 8 January
Please put your name on the List in the vestibule
so we know how many to cater for.

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.

Do you want to become a Member or be added to our list of Adherents? If so, speak to the Minister.



Birthdays

This week we congratulate Richmond Mensah, Doreen Asare-Awuku-Dankwa and Pam Russell-Knott on their birthdays.

Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

What's on the agenda?

Saturday 24 Dec	7.30pm	Worship for Christmas Eve
Sunday 25 Dec	10.30am	Celebrate Christmas Day!

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

Elder: Rizal Sebastian

Children's message: Rev Derek Lawson

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible Reader: Mavis Fleming

Welcome: Carol de Groot & Silvia Scott

Crèche: Family Service – no Crèche.

Deacons-Counting: Frans v.d. Meer & Emmanuel Asare Awuku

Door: James Essel

Beamer: Daniel de Jong

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For the Beamer

Lyrics Children's Songs

LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

Come they told me, pa rum pa pum pum
Our newborn King to see, pa rum pa pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pa pum pum
To lay before the King, pa rum pa pum pum,
Rum pa pum pum, rum pa pum pum,
So to honor Him, pa rum pa pum pum,
When we come

Little Baby, pa rum pa pum pum
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pa pum pum
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pa pum pum
To lay before the King, pa rum pa pum pum,
Rum pa pum pum, rum pa pum pum,
Shall I play for you, pa rum pa pum pum,
On my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pa pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pa pum pum
I played my drums for Him, pa rum pa pum pum
I played my best for Him, pa rum pa pum pum
Rum pa pum pum, rum pa pum pum
Then He smiled at me, pa rum pa pum pum
Me and my drum

I'M NOT A SHEPHERD

I'm not a shepherd, nor a wise man,
Nor an angel, that is true.
I'm not a shepherd, nor a wise man,
Nor an angel, nor are you.

But we can follow their example
We can worship Jesus too.
And like the shepherds,
the wise men and the angels
We can also spread the good news:

God has sent His Son. (X2)
God has sent His Son, I tell you.
God has sent His Son.

Lyrics of the Christingle hymn

The Christingle begins with an orange,
like the world which the Lord God made.
For creation is full of his glory;
all around we see his love displayed.
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, it's the light of Christ.
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, light of Christ.

Every year we give thanks for the seasons,
and the fruits of the earth to share.
The Christingle is here to remind us
that the love of God is everywhere.
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...

God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;
we remember his birth again.
But the red ribbon round the Christingle
tells the story of his cross and pain.
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...

To complete the Christingle:
a candle, telling us of the world's true light.
For the darkness shall not overcome it,
Jesus shines on in the darkest night.

Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...

Joyful Singers Songs for 18 December 2016

Procession: Meh noko moh Mandem

Eeee me noko eee
Meh noko moh Mandem pemeh wah.

Introit: In moments like these.

In moments like these,
I will sing a song.
I will sing a love song unto the Lord. 2X

Singing, I love you Lord, (Chorus)
Singing, I love you Lord,
Singing, I.....love you Lord
I Love you Lord.

In moments like these,
I will lift up my hands
I will lift up my hands to the Lord 2x

Chorus: singing I love you Lord.

Offering 1: Chineke nam ndewo

Chineke nam ndewo, ndewo 2x (1x solo, 1x choir.)
Chineke nam ndewo emela

Chineke nam ndewo, ndewo 2x
Onye keruwa ndewo emela.

(2) Jesu ni wango

Solo Yesu niwango, wauzima wamilele 2x
All Yesu niwango, wauzima wamilele

Solo Batu nionso balobi, Yesu azali mokonzi 2x
All Yesu niwango, wauzima wamilele

Refrain

Solo: Oh wauzima,
All: wamilele
Solo: wauzima
All: wamilele
Solo: Wauzima
All: Wamilele eh eh eh eh