

Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

a congregation of the

Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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A Christmas Blessing

*"The wisdom of the wonderful counsellor guide you,
the angels of the Lord of Hosts guard you,
the strength of the mighty God uphold you,
the love of the everlasting Father enfold you,
the joy of the Prince of Peace be yours,
this Christmastide and for ever. Amen."*

Ian Cowie

**Order of Service
for Christmas Day 2016**



REJOICE!

Call to Worship - (congregational lines in bold)

On this Christmas Day,
we are called together to celebrate with joy
the fact of God's coming to us and for us
in Jesus Christ.

**We are here to acknowledge God's gracious gift,
his protection, deliverance, and guidance.**

But we are also warned not to rest on our laurels,
as if free from responsibility:

for in this time of worship

**we are invited to be open to God's message,
and to offer ourselves, our gifts, our talents
to be used for God's glory.**

Come, then, with exultation and anticipation
and worship God.

Praise: Come and join the celebration

(MP 83)

Welcome

Lighting of the Jesus Candle

Prayer of Thanks and Praise

Children's Message

Praise: In the bleak midwinter

(MP 337)

Reading: John 1: 1 – 14

(p. 1063)

Prayer of Confession and The Lord's Prayer

Readings: Isaiah 52: 7 – 10 (CH4 296)
Luke 2: 8 – 20 (p. 739)
(p.1027)

Praise: See! in yonder manger low (CH4 313)

Some Christmas Thoughts

Praise: The Virgin Mary had a baby boy (CH4 300)

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Church News

Prayer for Others

Praise: O come, all ye faithful (MP 491)

Benediction and 3-fold Amen

Sunday 8th January - Soup & Christmas Pudding Lunch
immediately after the Service -
please put your name on the list,
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.

Birthdays

This week we congratulate Christa Jacobs, Sophie Tataw Bessem Tataw, Esther Abang, Brian Elvis Essel, Robin Polley and Stanley Chege Murithi on their birthdays.

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

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 1 January Service at 10.30 a.m. – including the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday 8 January Service at 10.30 a.m. – followed by the Soup & Christmas Pudding Lunch

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

Elder: Ruud Witte

Children's message: Bob Hensen

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Bible Reader: Bob Hensen

Welcome: *volunteer* & John Essel

Crèche: there will not be any crèche this Sunday.

Deacons-Counting: Ato Cromwell & Frieda Enow

Door: Peace Acquaaah

Beamer: Anthony Evovo

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

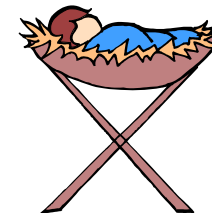
Hospitality: Keerthana Ganesh & volunteer

Flowers: Christmas decorations by Mavis & Moira

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