

Welcome to the



Scots International Church Rotterdam

a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

WORSHIP for the 2nd Sunday in



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A Prayer for Advent

Protect us, O Lord,
during this our earthly pilgrimage,
that we may seek you diligently,
walk with you lovingly, and serve you faithfully;
and, having been ready to do your will in the world,
may we be eager to meet you in the glory of heaven,
through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Richard Baxter (17th century)

Order of Service for the 2nd Sunday in Advent
10th December 2017
“Stir-Up” Sunday

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

Let us make a place for God in the wilderness of our hearts.

Let us make a way for God in the desert of our emotions.

Let us make room for God in the crowdedness of our lives
in this Advent season.

Let us worship God now with praise and singing!

Procession/Introit: (Joyful Singers)

Ba fa njika

Ba fa njika

Ba fa njika mbo ba bo

Ba fa njika mbo ba bo

Fa la njika mbo ba bo

Faa njika mbo ba

(Oh ba fa la njika)

Welcome

Prayer of Approach

Praise: O worship the Lord, in the beauty of holiness (MP 529)
Tune: Moredun, CH4, 201

- 1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore Him, the Lord is His name.

- 2 Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on His heart He will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3 Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness:
these are the offerings to lay on His shrine.
- 4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
- 5 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore Him, the Lord is His name.



Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle - a Candle of Peace

Hymn: A candle is burning

(Tune of 'Away in a manger')

1. A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.
- 2 A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way,
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

"Stir-Up" Sunday

Praise: The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

(CH4 300)

1 The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they say that his name is Jesus.

[Refrain:]

He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.

He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.

O yes, believer!

O yes, believer!

He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.

2 The angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born,
and they say that his name is Jesus. [Refrain]

3 The shepherds came where the baby was born,
the shepherds came where the baby was born,
the shepherds came where the baby was born,
and they say his name is Jesus. [Refrain]

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - Elder - 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.

Setting the Scene: Isaiah 40: 1 – 11 (p. 723)

- 1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
- 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.
- 3 A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD ; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.
- 5 And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
- 6 A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.
- 7 The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."
- 9 You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"
- 10 See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.
- 11 He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Reflection

Praise: Come, thou long-expected Jesus

(MP 102)

- 1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born Thy people to deliver;
born a child, and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever;
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By Thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone:
by Thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

An Advent Prayer

NT Readings:

2 Peter 3: 8 – 15a

(p. 1224)

8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

9The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation

Mark 1: 1 – 8

(p. 1002)

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,

2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" —

3 "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.' "

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

6 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

7 And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Praise: On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

(CH4 334)

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty Guest may come.

3 For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 Stretch out your hand, to heal our sore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
once more upon your people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Reflection

Offering

NKASI MANDEM AREY ACHA

(Joyful Singers)

Nkasi mandem arey acha
Arey acha 2X
Echi tetep mandem arey acha
Arey acha
Nkasi mandem arey acha
Arey acha
Arey acha, arey acha
(Vo ma vo ta mandem arey acha)
Nkasi mandem arey acha
Arey acha

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem: **Nikisimama**

(Joyful Singers)

Nikisimama kwa bwana
Yeye msada wangu
Mkono wake wakiume
Wao moko

Chorus:
Mtafuteni bwana
Madamu wa patikana
Mwiteni bwana
Yeye yu karibu 2X

Church News

Prayers for Others

Praise: We have a gospel to proclaim

(MP 728)

- 1 We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for men in all the earth;
the gospel of a saviour's name:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.
- 2 Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all.
- 3 Tell of His death at Calvary,
hated by those He came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all He loved, His life He gave.
- 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:

empty the tomb, for He was free;
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share His victory.

5 Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
to live for Him, the Lamb who died.

6 Now we rejoice to name Him king:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
this gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.

Benediction and 3-fold Amen

Services over Christmas

As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year,
our service on 24th December will mark both
the 4th Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve,
and there will be no Christmas Eve evening service.
Our brothers and sisters from Hope International Baptist
Church will be joining us for this service.

On Christmas Day we will gather for a Christmas
family celebration 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 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 Lakeisha Chukwu, Jan van Put, and Roselyn Chukwu on their birthdays.

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

What's on the agenda?

Tuesday 12 Dec Consistory Meeting at 7.45pm
Wed 13 Dec Final Alpha Course meeting at 7.00pm
Sunday 17 Dec Service for the 3rd Sunday in Advent at 10.30am
– including the Sunday School Nativity Play
Sunday 17 Dec Congregational Christmas Tea at 5.00pm
Sunday 17 Dec Service of Lessons & Carols at 7.30pm

Who's Who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson
Elder: Peace Acquah
Children's message: Rev Derek Lawson
Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp
Bible Reader: Jean Galloway (2nd & 3rd)
Welcome: Steve Russell & John Essel
Crèche: Gwendoline Kayere & Wenli Wan
Deacons-Counting: Ruud Witte & Raneé Damanik
Door: Eric Wenfua
Beamer: Anthony & Ingrid Evovo
Recording: Andre v.d. Velden
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For the Beamer

Summary 03.12.17

Open plate	273.38
Envelopes	381.10
Coffee money	7.40
Sunday School	8.70
Bank (weekly avg.)	282.00
Fixed rental weekly avg.	368.00
Additional rental avg	<u>322.00</u>
	€ 1,642.58

Average weekly expenditure € 1,972.00

**Mission offering: Sunday School for
Salvation Army mothers group: € 117.40**

Church News of 03.12.17 announced by the Elder

- **Coming Sunday** will be our busiest Sunday of the year.
First we will have our **Christingle & Worship Service at 10:30**.
Then from **1 till 4 pm the Sunday School Christmas party**.
The **Christmas tea starts at 5 pm**, bring your scones, cakes, sandwiches,
cookies and perhaps even afribollen and whatever goes, from 4.30 pm
At 6pm there will be **Singing in the Cool Area**, come rain come shine.
Finally at 7.30 pm we will have the **Lessons and Carols Service**
- **The Adult Young Christian Fellowship** continues today at 12:30 in
the attic of the Manse.

- The **Ladies Bible Study** continues **Monday 11th December** 8pm @ Rev. Irene Bom's, following a 3-week break for the Christmas holidays, resuming on **Monday, 8 January**. All ladies are welcome, also if you can only come every now and then.

Meetings Mondays 8pm (7.30 pm if you'd like to have a bite to eat beforehand, but call/sms by Saturday afternoon if you like that) Irene Bom, Bergpolderstraat 53A, 3038KB Rotterdam 06-52576892
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- There will be a **Consistory meeting** coming **Tuesday 12th December at 7.45 pm**. Elders please take your documents from the folders at the entrance.
- **The last part of Alpha Course will be on Wednesday 13th December**. Topic: *"What about the Church?"*
- There are still opportunities for **Bible reading & bringing Flowers**. Please put your name and email on the notice board.
- If you like to receive the **SICR Weekly Bulletin** in your mailbox every Thursday, make sure Ato Bob has your email address.
- If you **did not hear these announcements properly**, find them on the Notice Board downstairs, with a copy to take away.
- ***Please note: the spoken word counts!***