

Welcome to the



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Thought for the week

"From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. He said: 'In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.' ...
And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land." (Jonah 2:1-2, 10)

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Order of Service
for Sunday 14 January 2018
The Service will be conducted by Rev.
Irene Bom

Sunday 21 January 2018
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Call to Worship (*congregational responses are **in bold***)

God has gathered us to this place,
**where we hear those stories which show us
what the kingdom of God is like.**

God summons us to this place,
**where we can learn how to serve our God
without reservation, or hesitation.**

God will send us from this place,
**to tell others of God's hopes and dreams,
so they, too, can choose to follow God.**

Introit: **In silence my soul thirsts for God** (Choir)

1. In silence my soul thirsts for God;
for God alone I wait.

My enemies may chase me down,
love shields me from their hate.

Refrain:

God is my rock,
God is my strength,
God is my salvation,
my refuge, my abiding peace,
I shall not be shaken.

2. In stillness I pour out my fears,
the solitude builds trust.
My refuge rests in God's great grace,
my anxious thoughts are hushed.

Refrain

3. In quietness my Lord conferred
two truths I now declare;
No greater love than God's is known,
no power can compare.

Refrain

Welcome

Opening Prayer & 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.**

Praise: The Church's one foundation
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1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord:
she is His new creation

by water and the word;
from heaven He came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her,
and for her life He died.

- 2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth,
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder
by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up: 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth hath union
with God the ThreeinOne,

and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with Thee.

Children's Message

Praise: Jesus love is very wonderful (SSS 49)

Jesus love is very wonderful
Jesus love is very wonderful
Jesus love is very wonderful
Oh, wonderful love!

So high you can't get over it
So low you can't get under it
So wide you can't get round it
Oh, wonderful love!

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession (Elder)
Bible Reading: **Jonah 3: 1 – 5, 10** (p.928)

1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:

2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.

4 Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."

5 The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Praise: All over the world (MP 18)

1 All over the world the Spirit is moving,
all over the world as the prophet said it would be;
all over the world there's a mighty revelation
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the
sea.

2 All over His Church God's Spirit is moving,
all over His Church as the prophet said it would be;
all over His Church there's a mighty revelation
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the
sea.

3 Right here in this place the Spirit is moving,
right here in this place as the prophet said it would
be;
right here in this place there's a mighty revelation
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the
sea.

Bible Reading: **Mark 1: 14 – 20**

(p. 1002)

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

17 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

18 At once they left their nets and followed him.

19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.

20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Sermon: **‘It’s time’**

Praise: Change my heart, o God
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Change my heart, O God,
make it ever true;
change my heart, O God,
may I be like You.

You are the potter,
I am the clay;
mould me and make me,
this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,
make it ever true;
change my heart, O God,
may I be like You.

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Anthem: **I have decided to follow Jesus**
(Choir)

1. I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus,
no turning back,
no turning back

2. The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me,
no turning back, no turning back.

3. Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow,
no turning back, no turning back.

4. Will you decide now to follow Jesus,
Will you decide now to follow Jesus,
Will you decide now to follow Jesus,
no turning back, no turning back.
No turning back!

Church News

Praise: Jesus Christ is waiting

(CH4 360)

Jesus Christ is waiting,
Waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour,
All alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger,
Fit to wait on you

Jesus Christ is raging,
Raging in the streets,
Where injustice spirals
And real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes
Let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing,
Healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer,
Touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too.
Let my care be active,
Healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,
Dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred
He, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too.

On suspicion's graveyard
Let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
Calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus,
Let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me;
I will follow you.

Prayers for Others *Minister*

Praise: Forth in thy name, o Lord, I go (MP159)

- 1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
 my daily labour to pursue,
 Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
 in all I think, or speak, or do.
- 2 The task Thy wisdom hath assigned
 O let me cheerfully fulfil;
 in all my works Thy presence find,
 and prove Thy acceptable will.
- 3 Thee may I set at my right hand,
 whose eyes my inmost substance see;
 and labour on at Thy command,
 and offer all my works to Thee.
- 4 Give me to bear Thy easy yoke,
 and every moment watch and pray,
 and still to things eternal look,

and hasten to Thy glorious day.

- 5 For Thee delightfully employ
whate'er Thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with Thee to heaven.

Closing responses

As you go out into the world

Follow me

At home with your household

Follow me

At school and work

Follow me

In everything you do this week

Follow me

*And as you do, remember that I am with you always,
even to the end of the world.*

Benediction and threefold Amen



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 Cor Vermeulen en Maaïke van der Eerden on their birthdays. *Would you like your birthday mentioned?*

Inform the Office Team!

What's on the agenda?

The **Congregational AGM** will be on **Sunday 4th March** immediately following the service.

Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Irene Bom

Elder: Emmanuel AsareAwuku

Children's message: Licia Knoester

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Choir: Anneke Pot

Bible Reader: Irene Jardine

Welcome: Lianne Buitendijk & Maureen Vollema

Crèche: Meriam van der Velden & Chante Fleming

Deacons Counting: Ato Cromwell & Frieda Enow

Door: Fred Booman

Beamer: Daniel de Jong

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Frank & Licia Knoester

Flowers: Fam. Van der Hulst

Security opening & closing: Ato Bob & André v.d. Velden

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Church News of 21.01.2018 announced by the Elder

The **Young Adults Christian Fellowship** continues today at 12:30 in the attic of the Manse.

The Ladies Bible Study continues Monday 22nd January 8pm @ Rev. Irene Bom's. All ladies are welcome, also if you can only come every now and then.

The Book group meets this Friday 26th January in the Crèche at 1 pm. The book is Mothering Sunday by Graham Swift. Contact Norma or Pat if you have any questions.

A Monthly Prayer Breakfast (to pray together as God's people) will take place on the **last Saturday of the next three months**, from **9.00 to 10.30**. Upcoming dates for your diary: coming Saturday **27th January, 24th February, and 24th March**.

Our AGM Annual General Meeting reviewing 2017 will be held on **Sunday 4th March** almost immediately after the Service. All Teams, Groups and projects are requested to send a brief, half A4, report to **the Consistory Clerk before 15th February**.

There is a **list for this year's Bible reading & bringing Flowers**. Please put your name and email on the notice board.

If you like to receive the **SICR 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!