

Welcome to the



a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

WORSHIP for the 1st Sunday in



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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, December 3: Psalm 90; Numbers 17:111; 2 Peter 3:118
Tuesday, December 4: Psalm 90; 2 Samuel 7:1829; Revelation 22:1216
Wednesday, December 5: Psalm 90; Isaiah 1:2431; Luke 11:2932
Thursday, December 6: Luke 1:6879; Malachi 3:512; Philippians 1:1218a
Friday, December 7: Luke 1:6879; Malachi 3:1318; Philippians 1:18b26
Saturday, December 8: Luke 1:6879; Malachi 4:16; Luke 9:16

A Question for Advent

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43:1819

Order of Service for 2nd December 2018

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2nd December 2018
Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Call to Worship – Jeremiah 33:14-16 (congregational lines **in bold**)*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfil the promise I made
to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time

**I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and righteousness
in the land.**

In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

**And this is the name by which it will be called:
“The Lord is our righteousness.”**

Introit (Choir): **“Jesus, name above all names”**

Welcome

Hymn 290: The race that long in darkness pined



Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle a Candle of Promise

**Hymn 282: ‘Christmas is coming’, the Church is glad to
sing** (Chorus, Verse 1 and Chorus)

Blessing on the Children

Reflection on the Advent Candle

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.

Hymn 501: Take this moment, sign, and space

Readings: **1 Thessalonians 3: 9 13** (p.1187)
 2. Luke 21: 25 36 (p.1056)

Reflection: *"Preparation for what?"*

Hymn 477: Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Offering & Prayer of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercession

Anthem (Choir): **"Panis angelicus"**

Church News

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn 662: Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts

Prayer and Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving – which begins:

May God be with you. ***And also with you.***
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to Christ.***
Let us give thanks to our Redeemer.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And in which please say, after the words, "... your people in heaven and earth, saying:"

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Glory be to you, O God most high.

Blessed is one who comes in the name of the Saviour.

Hosanna in the highest!

Then, before the distribution of the bread and wine:

Jesus, Lamb of God,	<i>have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, bearer of our sins,	<i>have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, redeemer of the world,	<i>grant us peace.</i>

Hymn 273: O come, O come, Emmanuel

Benediction and 3fold Amen followed by the sung Benediction
Go now in peace ...

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Take note of our Christmas Services

Sun 16 Dec - Service with Sunday School Nativity Play
& Sunday School Christmas Party (afternoon)

Sun 23 Dec - 10h30 - Jt Service with Hope International Baptists;
17h30 Christmas Tea

19h30 - Service of Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve at 19h00 Christingle Service

Christmas Day - 10h30 Family Celebration of Christmas
Today's Mission Offering (suggested by the Youth Group) is for
WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS NETHERLANDS

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.

What's on the agenda?

Wednesday	5 Dec	19h30	Bible Study
Sunday	9 Dec	10h30	Service for the 2 nd Sunday in Advent
Saturday	15 Dec	09h00	Prayer Breakfast

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Church news announced by the Elder 02.12.18

Please take the Order of Service home, so you can refer to it and follow the Daily Bible reading shown on the front.

There are several Advent calendars available online, with Bible Readings and meditations, which will lead you all the way to Christmas. Find them in the SICR Weekly Bulletin or on the Church of Scotland website.

Advent & Christmas Services and activities start in December. Look out for advance information in this Order of Service and on the posters in the Lower hall.

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Please see the inlay in the Order of Service.

Remember last Sunday's Youth Service demonstrating there is still need for Bible Translation. And Distribution.

If you are not prepared for this, you may bring it next week in an envelope addressed to Mission Offering WYCLIFFE.

If you didn't hear these announcements correctly, find them on the notice board with a copy to take away.

