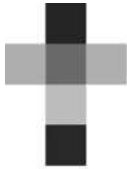


Welcome to the



Scots International Church Rotterdam

- a congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

WORSHIP for the 1st Sunday in



and Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Bible Readings for the Coming Week

Monday, December 2: Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11

Tuesday, December 3: Psalm 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40

Wednesday, December 4: Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35

Thursday, December 5: Ps 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26

Friday, December 6: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25

Saturday, December 7: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28

A Thought for the Week Ahead

May God, who is the ground of hope, fill you with all joy and peace as you lead the life of faith until, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you overflow with hope. (Romans 15:13)

1st Sunday in Advent - 1 December 2019

Call to Worship (congregational lines in bold)

Arise, shine, for your light has come

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Let creation be surprised!

Let the world be amazed!

Let grown-ups and children clap their hands

for God is coming to transform the earth.

Bring prayers of longing and songs of praise.

Bring ears to hear and hearts to respond.

Bring lives of commitment to surprise the world.

Bring spirit-filled deeds which heal and transform.

Bring Advent hopes as a journey begins.

Bring Advent light to illumine the way.



Introit (Choir): "Wonderful Counsellor"

1. Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Prince of Peace.

2. Wonderful, Jesus our Councillor,
you are Almighty God, Prince of Peace.

3. Jesus Christ, God with us,
Immanuel, Prince of Peace

Welcome & Prayer of Approach

Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle - a Candle of Hope

Hymn: A candle is burning

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.

Children's Message

Hymn: Come and join the celebration

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Chorus:

Come and join the celebration,
it's a very special day;
come and share our jubilation,
there's a new King born today!

1. See the shepherds
hurry down to Bethlehem
gaze in wonder
at the Son of God who lay before them.
(Repeat Chorus)

2. Wise men journey,
led to worship by a star;
kneel in homage
bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so
(Repeat Chorus)

3. 'God is with us,'
round the world the message bring;
He is with us,
'Welcome!' all the bells on earth are pealing.

(Repeat Chorus)

Blessing on the Children followed by Dedication of Pulpit Fall

Prayer of Confession - Elder -

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 273 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Readings: **Isaiah 2: 1 – 5** (p.
687)

Romans 13: 11 – 14 (p.
1140)

Reflection : “Hope is a journey we take”

Hymn 166 Lord of all hopefulness

Reading: **Isaiah 9: 2 - 7** (p.
694)

Reflection: The Messiah as “Wonderful Counsellor”

Hymn 290 The race that long in darkness pined

Offering & Prayer of Dedication followed by Church News

Anthem (Choir): **“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”**

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood;
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4. At His feet the six winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry;
Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia,
Lord most high!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn 19 Ye gates, lift up your heads

Prayer & Words of Institution

*Prayer of Thanksgiving - (responses **in bold**)*

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.

Then later, after the words: “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!

Just before the distribution of the elements:

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

Hymn 286 Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord

Benediction and 3-fold Amen - followed by

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.

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 (names only in the printed version in the church)

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

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 8 Dec	9h15	Journeying through the Bible - Luke
Advent	10h30	Service for the 2 nd Sunday in - to include stirring-up the Christmas pudding
Sunday 15 Dec	10h30	Service for the 3 rd Sunday in Advent
Sunday 22 Dec	10h30	Family Service including Christingles
	17h30	Christmas Tea and Carols for All

Who's who today – (names only in the printed version in the church)

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Church News for 01.12.19

The **Wednesday Pilgrims Fellowship Group** continues on 11th December @ 19:45 at Rinus Dekker's house Heemraadstraat 18a.

The **B4-the-Service Bible Study** was held this morning and will again on 8th December at 09:15, when we continue our journey through the Bible looking at the Gospel according to Luke.

The Herald for December 2019 and January 2020, as well as the Daily Bread devotional for December, January and February are available from Ato Bob.

Both the Crèche and the Youth Group urgently need additional volunteers. See Christa, Saskia or Ato Bob.

Look for a sample of the SICR Weekly Bulletin on the notice board and subscribe with your email to editor-herald@live.com

Please notify the church and your Elder of your change of address, e-mail and phone, so that your Elder and the Church Office can reach you if need be.

The December Mission Offering has been suggested by the Youth Group and benefits the Kledingbank Rotterdam. See the inlay for more information.

If you did not hear this Church News correctly, you can find it on the notice board with a copy to take away.