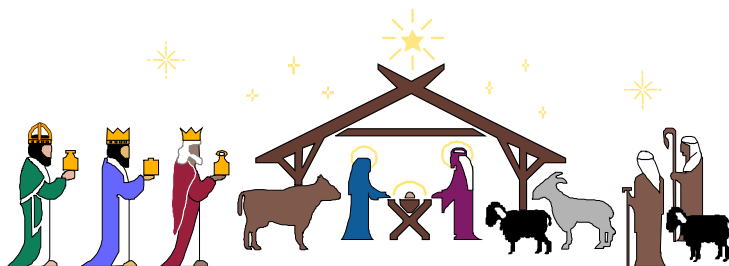


Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, January 6: Psalm 72; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Tuesday, January 7: Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Ephesians 3:14-21

Wednesday, January 8: Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:14-25; Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

Thursday, January 9: Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:1-9; Acts 9:1-9

Friday, January 10: Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:10-4:1a; Acts 9:10-19a

Saturday, January 11: Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 7:3-17; Acts 9:19b-31

A New Year Blessing

Now we arise and go forth on the journey before us,
knowing that, where Christ leads, life is a journey home.

Therefore we travel in faith, in hope, and in love,

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be upon us and upon all, this year and to all eternity. Amen.

Ian Cowie (from *Hay & Stardust*)

**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY
5th JANUARY 2020**

Worship for Epiphany 2020
Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

With each new day **there is a new beginning.**
With each new year **we can make a fresh start.**
With a fresh start and a new beginning **there is fresh hope.**
With fresh hope in our hearts **we come to worship God.**

Introit (Choir): **Another year is dawning**

1. Another year is dawning, Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting, Another year with Thee

2. Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness In the shining of Thy face

3. Another year of progress, Another year of praise;
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days

4. Another year of service, Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training For holier work above.

5. Another year is dawning, Dear Master, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven, Another year for Thee!

Welcome

Prayer of Praise and Confession at the end of which please say:

**God of angels and the wise Magi,
you know we don't always act like angels.
We say the wrong thing and someone gets hurt.
We're not always wise either.
We do something foolish
and we don't know how to set things right.
Jesus, we're sorry.
Help us make a fresh start in this new year.**

**Guide us by the love that shines from your life.
In your name we ask it. Amen.**

Hymn 448 Lord, the light of your love is shining

Children's Message and Hymn: Emmanuel
(SSS201416)

1. Sing a song, a song of joy
Come along and see the boy
A baby boy who from heaven came
Emmanuel is His Name

CHORUS:

Emmanuel God is with us
Emmanuel God is with us
Emmanuel God is with us
God is with us Emmanuel

2. Shepherds heard the angels sing
Bringing news of a baby king
So they went without delay
To see the baby in a manger where he lay

3. Wise men came from afar
They were led by a star
They brought him gifts, gifts of joy
Gold and myrrh and frankincense for the boy

Jesus – the light of the world

Reading: **Matthew 2: 1 12**
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1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem

2 and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

6 “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.

8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Hymn 326 As with gladness men of old

Reflection including Story: "Just What I Wanted" (Sherman the dog gets the perfect gift)

Hymn 328 Wise men, they came to look for wisdom

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 305 In the bleak midwinter v.5

Anthem (Choir): **Jesus name above all names**

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living word.

Church News followed by

*Prayers from the Heart in which after the words, "God, you gave us the best gift ever in Jesus." please respond: **Help us give you a gift from the heart this year.***

Introduction to the Sacrament

Hymn 685 For everyone born a place at the table

Invitation to the Feast and Prayer of Thanksgiving in which after the words "that creation sings back to you:" please say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Hymn 320 Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Closing responses

Lord Jesus Christ, at the start of a New Year,
you have called us to share in God's story of hope.
and so we offer ourselves to its telling.
Breathe your life through ours
that the story may continue on in us, and through us,
until the world is remade. Amen.

Benediction and Threefold 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.

The end.

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 (the names only will be mentioned in the printed version in the church)

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

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 12 Jan 9h15 Bible Study – The Minor Prophets (Part 2)

10h30 Worship for the 1st Sunday after

Epiphany

Tuesday 14 Jan 19h45 Consistory Meeting

Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Ruud Witte

Children's message: Bob Hensen

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Choir: Anneke Pot

Bible Reader: Ruud Witte

Welcome: Fred Adjapong & Maureen Vollema

Crèche: Lina Sebastian & Chidinma Chukwu

Offering & Counting: Ranee Damanik & James Essel

Door: Eric Wenfua

Beamer: Jeremiah Ogbomo

Recording: Stanley Murithi

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Church News of 05.01.2020 read by the Elder

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

Please note on our agenda is the following: See Order of Service.

The **Wednesday Pilgrims Fellowship Group** takes a break over the holidays and continues in the New Year on 15th January @ 19:45 at Rev. Irene's Bergpolderpolderstraat 53a. Further dates 22nd and 29th. January

If you are not on the Roll of Members of the Church and wish to have a vote in the election of the Nominating Committee or in the approval of a new Minister, you must complete an Adherent's Claim Form to have your name put on the Register. If you want to do this, or want to check if you are on the Roll of Members, please contact Bob as soon as possible as the Consistory will finalize the Register on 14th January and names cannot be added after that date.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask Ato Bob.

The **B4 Service Bible Study** continues on Sunday 12th January at 9.15, when we'll complete our journey through the Old Testament looking at the **Minor Prophets**.
No previous attendance or knowledge required.

Don't miss this event on Saturday 18th January

What: Folk and Scottish dancing

Where: in the downstairs hall

When: from 14.30 on Saturday 18th January, 2020

With: Scottish Afternoon Tea.