



Welcome to the

**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Bible Readings for the coming week

Monday, January 13: Psalm 89:5-37; Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48

Tuesday, January 14: Psalm 89:5-37; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13

Wednesday, January 15: Psalm 89:5-37; Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21

Thursday, January 16: Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12

Friday, January 17: Psalm 40:1-11; Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5

Saturday, January 18: Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11

Prayer for the Week

Living God, help us to anticipate your kingdom,
but help us also to keep our feet on the ground,
remembering your kingdom begins now
and not at some distant point in the future,
on earth and not simply in heaven,
here in Rotterdam as much as anywhere.

Lord of life, hear our prayer. Amen.

(Adapted from *Prayers for all Seasons*)

Order of Service for Sunday 12th January 2020

Sunday 12 January 2020 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Call to Worship - (congregational responses in bold)

Jesus came to shed light on our path,

to bring justice and hope to all,

to take away the sin of the world.

Come, then, and worship in his name.

Introit (Joyful Singers): **Send me Jesus**

Send me Jesus (2x)

Send me Jesus I will go

Who is on the Lord's side

Who is on the Lord's side

I want to know (solo)

I am on the Lord's side

I want to know oh (solo)

I am on the Lord's side

And the Lord is by my side

As long as I live

As long as I live I am on the Lord's side

Welcome

Prayer for a New Year

Hymn 543 Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Children's Message

Song: This little light of mine

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This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine
Let it shine

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession – Elder - ending 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 120 God, we praise you. God, we bless you

(Tune 1 – Ode to Joy)

Readings: **Isaiah 42: 1 – 9**
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1 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

4 he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

5 This is what God the LORD says— the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

6 “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,

7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

8 “I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.

9 See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

Matthew 3: 13 -17

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13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

14 But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

15 Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Hymn 600 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

Sermon : God's servants for justice.

Hymn 256 May the God of hope go with us every day

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

During which Joyful Singers sing:

Kpoyoyema

Kpoyoyema (3x)Omema

Thank you Jesus

Thank you Jesus

Anthem (Joyful Singers): **Ase da ye Onyame ne dea**

Ase da ye Onyame ne dea

Ase da ye Onyame ne dea

Ase de ye Onyame ne dea

Me ntumi nka ade a woaye amame

Mmo mmo mmo ade woaye amame

Mmo mmo mmo ade woaye amame

Mmo mmo mmo ade woaye amame

Ooh ooh ooh how good is the Lord

Ooh ooh ooh how good is the Lord

Ooh ooh ooh how good is the Lord

I never will forget what he has done for me

Church News

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn 248 For my sake and the gospel's, go

Benediction and Three-fold Amen.

*There will be an opportunity for accompanied prayer
immediately following the service –
please simply come to the front of the church.*

Vacancy Timetable

The Consistory has prepared the Electoral Register -
which your name must be on in order to vote
in the election of the Nominating Committee
and, again, in due course, for the new Minister.

**If you're unsure if your name is on it, please contact Bob
or Derek as a matter of urgency - preferably today - as
the Consistory will finalise the Register this Tuesday evening,
14th January.**

At the close of worship on Sunday 2nd February the Interim
Moderator, Rev Jan Steyn, will convene a **Congregational
Meeting for the purpose of electing the nine Members of
the Nominating Committee**. It will be their task to advertise
the vacancy, consider applications and bring to the
congregation a Sole Nominee to be your next Minister.

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?

Tuesday 14 January 19h45 Consistory Meeting

Wednesday 15 January 19h45 Pilgrims Fellowship Group
Wednesday 15 January 20h00 Finance & Governance WG
Sunday 19 January 10h30 Morning Worship

Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson
Elder: Ato Cromwell
Children's message: Virginia Hendricks
Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp
Bible Reader: Azmi Wahab
Welcome: Joke Cromwell & James Essel
Crèche: Jaco & Christa Jacobs
Offering & Counting: Molly Foster & Mavis Fleming
Door: Bob Hensen
Beamer: Anthony Evovo
Recording: Stanley Murithi
Hospitality: Knoester Family
Flowers: Family Baiye (in memory of Esther Takem Bisong)

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Church News of 12.01.2020 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** took 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

This is the last Sunday you can make sure to participate in the election of the Nomination Committee, because on 14th January the Consistory will finalize the Electoral list and no names can be added to it after that date.

If you are a member, you are automatically on the list, but if you are an adherent, 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 today. ***If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask Ato Bob.***

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.

If you did not hear these announcements correctly, find them on the noticeboard, with a copy to take away.