



Where to Stare in the Storm

Peter never would have made this request on a calm sea. I doubt Peter would have ever stepped out of the boat. Storms prompt us to take unprecedented journeys. For a few heart stilling moments, Peter did the impossible. He defied every law of gravity and nature. Matthew moves us quickly to the major message of the event, and that is where to stare in a storm. "But when [Peter] saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and

beginning to sink he cried out, saying, 'Lord, save me!'" (v. 30). Focus on Christ, you can do the impossible. Focus on the storm, you begin to sink.

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Upcoming services

There are a number of special services which are in the planning stages and so subject to change. Please pray as people plan and prepare for them.

29th August: **Start Sunday** to commit the new season/activities to God.
(Family barbecue postponed)

5th September: **Family Service: 'Bible Rocks'**

26th September: **Memorial service**
This is to remember the members of SICR and others who died during the pandemic.
This service will be followed by **AGM**

3rd October **Harvest Service**

14 November **Remembrance Service**

21st November: **Youth Service**

12th December: **Sunday School Nativity Service**

Today's Worship Team

Preacher: Mr David Lloyd

Elder: Ruud

Organist: Gertine

Children's message: Irene

Vocalist: Sofia & Raneë

Bible Reader: Capt. Tjakko
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Next Sunday	Sermon	Reading
August 29	Start Sunday: Build in, Build up, Build out	Matthew 7:24-27



Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

May the Lord bless you as we worship together

Sunday 22th August 2021

In-person services

Welcome, if you are in church today for the in-person services. The number has been increased to 60 plus helpers. We would ask that you register through the church website to ensure a place on Sunday. Please follow the various instructions in place for your safety.

If you have issues registering contact the minister or church office. Thank you.

Live stream Services

Go to the church website at www.scotsintchurch.com and click on KERKDIENTST GEMIST

Something to Pray

Most mighty God, send us out now to be faithful to our calling in you. We are a people of prayer, fully equipped to bring your hope for the future to those around us. Help us to stand firm against evil and wrong and to be visible as a power of good. Amen.

Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

Or do you know someone who is? Would you like the minister to phone you? Please send in your requests via email, text, phone or PM through the church Facebook page. Contact details below. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

Something to Celebrate

This week we congratulate Evert, Daniel, Solomon and Max on their birthdays. Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team

Next week 'Start' Sunday

Taking Part - Being Part

Would you like to participate in the church service? Be a reader, present a children's talk, be a welcomer, bring flowers, serve after service refreshments? Would you like to help around the building? Help open up, welcome, clean. **There are lots of ways to be involved.** Email the office if you are interested.

SICR

Summer Club

Please note that the club will be back next Sunday 29 August.

Thank you for your giving

These are difficult times for many, so please don't feel obliged to contribute if you are not able. For those who are able to contribute, thank you for your offering. The church bank details are: NL62 RABO 0373741006 or NL17 INGB 0000 175187

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 23	Psalm 11; 1 Kings 5:13-18; Ephesians 5:21-6:9
Tuesday 24	Psalm 11; 1 Kings 6:1-14; Ephesians 6:21-24
Wednesday 25	Psalm 11; 1 Kings 6:15-38; John 15:16-25
Thursday 26	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Song of Solomon 1:1-17; James 1:1-8
Friday 27	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Song of Solomon 2:1-7; James 1:9-16
Saturday 28	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Hosea 3:1-5; John 18:28-32

Welcome

Call to worship

Leader: In the presence of the Creator God,

All: We are filled with hope,

Leader: In the presence of the Living Christ,

All: We know our weakness,

Leader: In the presence of the Holy Spirit,

All: We stand in awe,

Leader: We sing for joy!

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1. Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armour on,
strong in the strength which God supplies
through his eternal Son;
strong in the Lord of hosts,
and in his mighty power;
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.

2. Stand, then, in his great might,
with all his strength endued;
and take, to arm you for the fight,
the panoply of God.
To keep your armour bright
attend with constant care,
still walking in your Captain's sight,
and watching unto prayer.

Congregational singing

3. From strength to strength go on, wrestle, and fight, and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down, and win the well-fought day,
that, having all things done and all your conflicts passed,
you may overcome through Christ alone, and stand complete at last.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Prayer of Approach, Confession and 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 forever. Amen.

Children's Talk:

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Talk to God, talk to God
Anywhere, anywhere
He is always listening
He is always listening
Talk to Him, talk to Him

Talk to God, talk to God
Anytime, anytime
He is always listening
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Talk to Him, talk to Him

Blessing on Bob & Esther's 50th anniversary

Bible Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

CH4 522

1. The Church is wherever
God's people are praising,
knowing they're wanted
and loved by their Lord.
The Church is wherever
Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out
the good news of God.

2. The Church is wherever
God's people are loving,
where all are forgiven
and start once again,
where all are accepted,
whatever their background,
whatever their past
and whatever their pain.

3. The Church is wherever
God's people are seeking
to reach out and touch folk
wherever they are –
conveying the Gospel,
its joy and its comfort,
to challenge, refresh,
and excite and inspire.

Congregational singing

4. The Church is wherever
God's people are praising,
knowing we're wanted
and loved by our Lord.
The Church is where we as
Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out
the good news of God.
Carol Rose Ikler © 1963 W.L. Jenkins

Sermon 'The armour of God'

As we listen and reflect we give our offerings to God: for the Church and the Mission Offering
Rabagirana Ministries Rwanda, (an International Presbytery Project)

Dedication of Offering

CH4 465 (vs 1-3, 5)

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, thine own I would be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Be Thou my breastplate, sword for the fight;
be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Congregational singing

5. High King of Heaven, after victory won,
may I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, 8th century

Prayer for Others

CH4 517

1. Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

2. Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up your eyes, and seek His face;
life with its path before us lies;
Christ is the way, and Christ the prize.

3. Cast care aside, lean on your guide,
His boundless mercy will provide;
lean, and your trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Congregational singing

4. Faint not, nor fear, His arm is near,
He does not change, and you are dear;
only believe, and Christ shall be,
your all in all eternally.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

Benediction & Three-fold Amen