

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

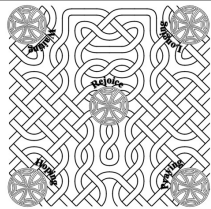
Sunday 28th November 2021

OPEN DOOR AFTERNOONS

The SICR is open on Fridays 1.30pm to 4pm.
Come and enjoy a refreshment and a chat

Something to Celebrate

This week we congratulate Ornella and Rebecca on their birthdays. Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team



Advent Wreath

There is available to download from the church website (www.scotsintchurch.com) a colour-in-yourself Advent wreath which follows the Advent themes for 2021. In each corner there is a

place for a Tea-light and in the centre a Christmas Day light. (safest option is a battery tea-light). You are invited to colour it in and use it as you watch online, before or after church.

First Sunday in Advent

The theme for today is waiting
'Waiting'

'Our willingness to wait reveals the value we place on the object we are waiting for' (Charles Stanley)

Upcoming services

12th December - Sunday School
Nativity Service

25th December - Christmas Day

Christmas is coming

It will soon be time for Christmas songs and carols. What is your favourite? Get in touch to let us know and we will try to make sure that your choice will be included in the upcoming

Advent Season which is entitled

Active Advent

Waiting Longing Hoping Praying
for the day of the Lord
Zoom Bible Studies

Starting Wednesday 24 November 2021

At 7.30pm

Please use the contact details at the back of the Order of Service to register for the Zoom link.



Our special Mission Offering for November is for Sint voor Kint. Its for Rotterdam children who grow up in poverty, so that they too can receive a present with Sin-

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 though the church Facebook page. Contact details below. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator,

Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com



Thought for the Day by Facebook and WhatsApp

If you would like a Daily Devotion by mobile phone, then join the 'Thought for the day' WhatsApp group by texting: 06 3059 9641



Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 29	Psalm 90; Numbers 17:1-11; 2 Peter 3:1-18
Tuesday 30	Psalm 90; 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Revelation 22:12-16
Wednesday 1	Psalm 90; Isaiah 1:24-31; Luke 11:29-32
Thursday 2	Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:5-12; Philippians 1:12-18a
Friday 3	Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:13-18; Philippians 1:18b-26
Saturday 4	Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 9:1-6

Welcome

First Advent Candle

CH4 543 (vs 1, 2)

1. Longing for light we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us
make us your living voice.
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.*

Bernadette Farrell © 1993

Call to worship

"But as for me, I will look to the Lord.
I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me."

Micah 7:7

CH4 273 (vs 1, 3-5)

1. O come, O come Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

3. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

4. O come, Thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Congregational Singing

5. O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

18th century, based on the ancient *Advent Antiphons*
translated John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Prayer of Approach

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 'How long is a minute?'

1. Winter's here the weather's cold
waiting for a nice surprise
Trees are bare the year is old
waiting for a nice surprise
In the air on it's way
waiting for a nice surprise
Soon it will be Christmas day
waiting for a nice surprise
Christmas time, Christmas time,
Boxing day we start again,
Waiting, Waiting, Waiting,
For a nice surprise!

2. Silent Night and morning wild
waiting for a nice surprise
God became a little child
waiting for a nice surprise
I will draw all men to me
waiting for a nice surprise
We will be one family
waiting for a nice surprise
Christmas time, Christmas time,
Boxing day we start again,
Waiting, Waiting, Waiting,
For a nice surprise!

3. Christmas present soon is past
waiting for a nice surprise
 Christmas yet to come will last
waiting for a nice surprise
 Joy that will not fade away
waiting for a nice surprise
 Never ending Christmas Day
won't it be a nice surprise?
Christmas time, Christmas time,...

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Richard Medrington | Stephen Fischbacher © 1995 Fischy Music

Reading: James 5:1-11

1 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. 2 Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. 4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. 5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you. 7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! 10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Sermon - Waiting

Offering for the church and for the Mission Offering 'Sint voor Kint'

Waiting, longing, hoping and praying
for your Kingdom to come on earth as in heaven
Waiting, longing, hoping and praying
Come, Lord Jesus, come again

1. All creation waits in expectation
 Longing for that day

When you come again in glory
 as King to reign.

Waiting, longing, hoping and praying...

2. Every knee shall bow – they'll have no option
 Every tongue confess
 You are Lord, there is none higher
 Your name be blessed
Waiting, longing, hoping and praying...

3. Make our hopes come true – a new beginning
 No more pain or death
 Only life at full potential
 with You instead.

Waiting, longing, hoping and praying...

by Irene Bom

Prayer of Dedication

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1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
 born to set thy people free;
 from our fears and sins release us,
 let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,
 hope of all the earth thou art:
 dear desire of every nation,
 joy of every longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,
 born a child, and yet a king,
 born to reign in us for ever,
 now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thine own eternal Spirit
 rule in all our hearts alone;
 by thine all-sufficient merit
 raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Prayer for Others

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1. Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.

2. Worship we the Godhead,
Love Incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus:
but wherewith for sacred sign?

3. Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

THE BLESSING

Leader: Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

*Response: Take us and use us
to love and serve you, and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Benediction & Three-fold Amen

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

Today's Worship Team

Service lead by Rev. Graham Austin

Elder: Bridget

Children's Message: Graham

Organist: Gertine

Vocalists: Ranee, Azmi, Irene & Martin

Collection & Counting: Bridget & Frieda

Beamer & Live Streaming: Dee & Ricky

Registration & Welcoming: Bob & Joke

Flowers: Arranged by Bridget

Hospitality: Rebecca & Crew

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Date	Sermon	Reading
5 December	Preacher Irene Bom Communion - Advent 2: Longing	2 Timothy 4:1-8