

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 12th December

Third Sunday in Advent

The theme for today is waiting
'Hoping'

'Hope is called the anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6:19), because it gives stability to the Christian life. But hope is not simply a 'wish' (I wish that such-and-such would take place); rather, it is that which latches on to the certainty of the promises of the future that God has made.' RC Sproil

Christmas Day Service 10.30am Followed by a Potluck lunch

Advent Season which is entitled
Active Advent has four themes
Waiting Longing Hoping Praying
for the day of the Lord

Please note Last Zoom Bible Study
this Wednesday At 7.30pm

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

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 Jan, James and Menen on their birthdays. Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team



**Our special
Mission Offering for
December selected by
the Youth Group,
benefits a
Cluster of six NGO's
with activities for
CLIMATE CHANGE**

'We cannot deny that this passing age is filled with fear and foreboding. But we also trust that God is faithful to his promises, and that Christ's future and ours are intertwined. Advent calls us to look up, confident and *hopeful*. In spite of whatever clouds we may see on the horizon of our immediate future, our redemption is drawing near, and God will bring us to see the promised face of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose nail-scarred hands will wipe away our tears. Then God's story will be told and it will have a happy ending.' (Leonard Vander Zee)

Christmas Eve Service

You are invited to send a short Christmas video message to the congregation to the minister's email address so that it can be included in a pre-recorded Christmas Eve service. This needs to be done before
Monday 20 December.

Today's Worship Team

Service lead by Rev. Graham Austin
Elder: Frieda

Children's Message: Rev. Irene

Organist: Jan Hendrik

Vocalists: Anneke

Reader: Esther

Collection & Counting: Frieda & Dennis

Beamer & Live Streaming: Edwin & Daniël

Registration & Welcoming: Bob & Pam

Flowers: Dee

Hospitality: Azmi and Rinus

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 13	Isaiah 11:1-9; Numbers 16:1-19; Hebrews 13:7-17
Tuesday 14	Isaiah 11:1-9; Numbers 16:20-35; Acts 28:23-31
Wednesday 15	Isaiah 11:1-9; Micah 4:8-13; Luke 7:31-35
Thursday 16	Psalms 80:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 10:10-18
Friday 17	Psalms 80:1-7; Isaiah 42:10-18; Hebrews 10:32-39
Saturday 18	Psalms 80:1-7; Isaiah 66:7-11; Luke 13:31-35

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

Welcome

Third Advent Candle

CH4 543 (chorus only)

*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

Leader: O Lord we continue our Advent journey, thanking you for hope.

Response: The hope of your presence, our hope in Jesus, hope for the life to come. Amen.

CH4 192 (vs 1-3, 5)

1. All my hope on God is founded;
all my trust he will renew;
safe through change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true:
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray God's trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep his wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Congregational Singing

5. Still from earth to God in heaven
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680); Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Prayer of Approach & 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

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

*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
Emmanuel - God is with us...

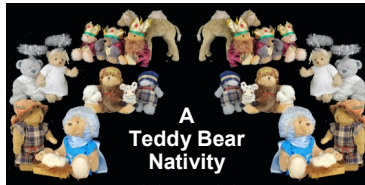
Congregational Singing

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
Emmanuel - God is with us...

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Offering for Church & Mission Offering 'Cluster NGO's for Climate Change'

Prayer of Dedication



CH4 312

1. Away in a manger,
no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus
laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky
looked down where He lay;
the little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing,
the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus,
no crying He makes:
I love You, Lord Jesus!
look down from the sky
and stay by my side
until morning is nigh.

Congregational Singing

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask You to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with You there.

Little children's book, Philadelphia, 1885 Author unknown

Mary, Joseph and the Angels

CH4 309

1. Still the night, holy the night!
Sleeps the world; hid from sight,
Mary and Joseph in stable bare
watch o'er the Child beloved and fair,
sleeping in heavenly rest,
sleeping in heavenly rest.

The Shepherds and the Angels

2. Still the night, holy the night!
Shepherds first saw the light,
heard resounding clear and long,
far and near, the angel-song:
'Christ the Redeemer is here,
Christ the Redeemer is here.'

Herod, the Wise men and a dream

3. Still the night, holy the night!
Son of God, O how bright
love is smiling from Thy face!
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,
Saviour, since Thou art born,
Saviour, since Thou art born.

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

A Christmas prayer of hope

*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
for your Kingdom to come*

on earth as in heaven

Waiting, longing, hoping and praying

Come, Lord Jesus, come again

Congregational Singing

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
for your Kingdom to come*

on earth as in heaven

Waiting, longing, hoping and praying

Come, Lord Jesus, come again

by Irene Bom

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Sermon - Hoping

Prayer for others

CH4 310 (vs 1, 3)

1. See Him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore -
the prince of glory is His name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem,
to see the Lord appear to men!
Just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of glory when He came.*

Congregational Singing

3. Angels, sing again the song you sang,
bring God's glory to the heart of man;
sing that Bethl'hem's little baby can
be salvation to the soul.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem,
to see the Lord appear to men!
Just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of glory when He came.*

Michael Perry © Mrs B Perry/Jubilate Hymns

THE BLESSING

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 Bob.** Thank you.

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Date	Sermon	Reading
19 December	Advent 4: Praying	Jude 1:17-25