



**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 26th December 2021

Rory Wolfert

BAPTISM
day

We welcome Sinead,
Robin and Bruce to this
special day of baptism.

Online Services only

For the next few weeks there will be no
in-person services at the SICR.
You will be able to join the weekly service
through www.kerkdienstgemist.nl/stations/1016
The order of service can be downloaded from
the church website:
www.scotsintchurch.com

**OPEN DOOR AFTERNOON
Closed until January 2022**



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

Something to Celebrate

This week we congratulate Stanley C. on his
birthday. Would you like your birthday
mentioned? Inform the Office Team

The Herald Relaunch



The quarterly magazine
of the SICR is being
revived under the new
leadership of Dennis
Aguaye. It is hoped that
the first issue will be
available in February.
So be ready for requests
for the **Herald** in the
weeks to come.

The Consistory are
grateful for all those people who were involved
with the magazine over the years and appreciate
all the hard work that was done in the past.
Pray for this venture.



Do you want a daily
'Thought for the Day'
direct to your mobile?
Then join the
'Thought for the day' WhatsApp
group by texting: 06 3059 9641

Today's Worship Team

Preacher Rev. Graham Austin
Prayer: Ruud
Children's Message: Mikayla
Organist: Gertine
Musician: Malcolm
Vocalists: Sofi, Raneé, Irene and Margriet
Reader: Bob
Beamer & Live Streaming: Dee & Ricky
Flowers: arranged by Bridget

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 27	Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:32-36; John 21:19b-24
Tuesday 28	Psalm 148; Isaiah 54:1-13; Revelation 21:1-7
Wednesday 29	Psalm 147:12-20; 1 Chr. 28:1-10; 1 Cor. 3:10-17
Thursday 30	Psalm 147:12-20; 2 Chr. 1:7-13; Mark 13:32-37
Friday 31	Psalm 147:12-20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19
Saturday 1	Psalm 8, Revelation 21:1-6a, Matthew 25:31-46

Welcome

Call to worship

Leader: Once again we worship online

Response: separated yet united in Jesus

Leader: we worship from our homes

Response: yet declaring together that Jesus is King

Leader: The God who is here, the God who is there

Response: is the God in our minds and our hearts

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1. The race that long in darkness pined
has seen a glorious Light;
the people dwell in day, who dwell
in death's surrounding night.

2. To us a Child of hope is born;
to us a Son is given,
him shall the tribes of earth obey.
him all the hosts of heaven

3. His Name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored;
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.

4. His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know:
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

Scottish Paraphrases 1781

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: 'Lost and Found'

*Don't complain, don't complain
It just makes things even worse.
Look to God, look to God,
and He will give you joy, joy, joy!*

1. If you're feeling sad, look to God
If you're feeling bad, look to God
No matter how you're feeling
Look to God,
And He will give you joy, joy, joy!
Don't complain,...

2. If you're feeling cross, look to God
If you're feeling lost, look to God
No matter how you're feeling
Look to God,
And He will give you joy, joy, joy!
Don't complain,...

3. If you're feeling sick, look to God
If you're feeling tricked, look to God
No matter how you're feeling
Look to God,
And He will give you joy, joy, joy!
Don't complain,...
by Irene Bom

Reading: Luke 2:41-52

41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. 43 After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. 44 Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." 49 "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them. 51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Sermon: My Father's House

As we give our offerings for Church and Mission we listen to a musical item by
Malcolm Lager on his Bandoneón
'Coral de Navidad' (Christmas choral) Juan Fransisco Giacobbe (1907-1990)

Dedication of the Offering

The Baptism of Rory Wolfert

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1. I to the hills will lift mine eyes:
from whence doth come mine aid?
My safety cometh from the Lord,
who heaven and earth hath made.

2. Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will
he slumber that thee keeps.
Behold, he that keeps Israel,
he slumbers not, nor sleeps.

3. The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade
on thy right hand doth stay:
the moon by night thee shall not smite,
nor yet the sun by day.

4. The Lord shall keep thy soul; he shall
preserve thee from all ill.
Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.
Psalms 121 The Scottish Psalter, 1929

When invited we say the following together

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived
of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

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The Lord bless you, and keep you:
the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace
Numbers 6:24

Congregational Response
We will nurture one another in faith,
uphold one another in prayer,
encourage one another in service.



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1. Child in the manger, infant of Mary,
outcast and Stranger, Lord of us all,
child Who inherits all our transgressions,
all our demerits upon Him fall.

2. Once the most holy child of salvation
gently and lowly lived below.
now as our glorious mighty Redeemer,
see Him victorious over each foe.

3. Prophets foretold Him infant of wonder;
angels behold Him on His throne.
worthy our Saviour of all their praises;
happy for ever are His own.

After Mary McDonald (1789-1872) Lachlan Macbean (1853-1931)

Prayer for others

CH4 313 (vs 1, 2, 5)

1. See in yonder manger low,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

2. Lo, within a stable lies
He who built the starry skies,
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim.
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

5. Sacred Infant, all divine,
What a tender love was thine
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this.
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

Edward Caswell (1814-1878)

Benediction & Three-fold Amen

As we approach the New Year' with the hope
born at Christmas' may we know that each day
will be filled with the presence of God. There is
no place where you will go this year that God
will not be with you. This love, this child, this
Jesus, 'wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a
manger' is the gift of God for you.
In the uncertain year to come hold on to faith
as God holds onto you.

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.

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Date	Sermon	Reading
2 January	The Word	John 1:1-18