



# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

May your time here be a blessing from God

### Happy New Year

As we enter a new year may we all know God's presence and guidance as the days unfold. In the midst of today's unrest pray that the world might work towards peace and reconciliation. It was always the hope of Simeon and Anna even in the midst of occupation, may it be ours.

### December Mission Offering

For **December** we support the **Youth Group's** Compassion project:

**'A Bible for a child in poverty'**

If you would like to know more then visit [www.Compassion.nl](http://www.Compassion.nl). Then scroll to the bottom and click on 'Blog'. On the right of the page click 'select category' and choose 'Funds'. Once again scroll down and click on 'A Bible for a child in poverty'. Thanks for your support.

Please note that you are not expected to give every week.

### Something to Celebrate

Happy birthday to Stefan Stifanos, Cindel Fleming and Peace Acquah for the coming week.

### House Groups/Bible Studies

**Pilgrims Group:** Back 29 January

**Prayer Warriors:** Last Friday of the month at church 6-9pm worship, prayer & Bible study

Contact Frieda Enow 06 85297922

**LFFN (Ladies Fellowship and Fun Night)**

Contact Dee 0643136971 or Sofi 0684279243

**Gentle-man's Group**

Saturday 20 January

### Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 1	Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday 2	Psalm 148; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18
Wed. 3	Psalm 110; Proverbs 1:20-33; James 4:1-10
Thursday 4	Psalm 110; Proverbs 3:1-12; James 4:11-17
Friday 5	Psalm 110; Proverbs 22:1-9; Luke 6:27-31
Saturday 6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12
Sunday 7	Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11 Sunday's text TBC

### No Limit to His Love

Maybe your life resembles a Bethlehem stable. Crude in some spots, smelly in others. Not much glamour. You do your best to make the best of it. But try as you might, the roof still leaks, and the winter wind still sneaks through the holes you just can't seem to fix. You've shivered through your share of cold nights, and you wonder if God has a place for a person like you.

Find your answers in the Bethlehem stable. The story of Christmas is the story of God's relentless love for us. The moment Mary touched God's face is the moment God made his case: there is no place he will not go. No place is too common, no person is too hardened, no distance is too far. There is no person he cannot reach. There is no limit to his love.

Max Lucado

### Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev Graham Austin

Prayer: Bridget Teisman

Bible Reader: Ruud Witte

Children's Talk: Graham Austin

Music: Jan-Hendrick v.d. Kamp & Irene Bom

Live Streaming & Beamer:

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Welcoming: Silvia Scott & Frieda Enow

Flowers: Church

Counting: Molly Foster & Evelyn Koomson

Door: Edwin Teisman

### SICR Open Afternoon

Open Afternoon returns in the New Year on the last Friday of the month



At the beginning of the service you will be asked to stand as the Bible is carried in

**Call to worship**

**Welcome**

**Song: Sing a song, a song of joy**

**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**

**Song: I'm not a shepherd**

**Church announcements**

**Bible reading: Luke 2:22-40**

**CH4 472 Come thou long expected Jesus**

**Sermon, 'The hopes and fears of all the years'**

**Song: Sleep, sleep my baby, sleep - Duet by Irene and Margriet**

**Offering**

**Dedication of Offering and Prayers for Others**

**CH4 286 Tell out, my soul**

**Benediction and Threefold Amen**  
Please remain standing as the Bible is carried out.

**After service fellowship in the Lower Hall for tea, coffee and chat**

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