

Welcome to the



Scots International Church Rotterdam

a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Daily Bible Readings for the coming week - 52 of 2020

Monday	21.12: Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Sam. 1:1-18; Hebr. 9:1-14
Tuesday	22.12: Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Sam. 1:19-28; Hebr.8:1-13
Wednesday	23.12: Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Sam. 2:1-10; Mark 11:1-11
Thursday	24.12: Isaiah 9:2-7 Ps. 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14
Friday	25.12: Isaiah 52:7-10 Ps. 98 Hebr.1:1-4 John 1:1-14
Saturday	26.12: Ps.148; Jerem.26:1-9, 12-15; Acts 6:8-15;7:51-60

Thought for the Week

A conference at a Presbyterian church in Omaha.
People were given helium filled balloons and told
to release them at some point in the service when
they felt like expressing the joy in their hearts.

Since they were Presbyterians,
they weren't free to say "Hallelujah, Praise the Lord."

All through the service balloons ascended,
but when it was over 1/3 of the balloons were unreleased.
Let your balloon go.

Bruce Larson, Luke, p. 43.

Order of Service for Sunday 20th December 2020 led by the Rev. Graham Austin

The Service Today

Minister: Rev. Graham Austin

Elder: Molly Foster

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Children's message: Rev. Graham Austin

Vocalist: Raneé Damanik

Bible Reader: Ruud Witte

Beamer slides: Daniël de Jong

Live Streaming: Rizal Sebastian & Team

Flowers: Annemarie Smith – arranged by Bridget Teisman

Broadcasting & Recording: Stanley Murithi

ONLINE ONLY FOR THE TIME BEING

Sunday 20th December 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent

'A Song of Joy'



Advent Candle: JOY

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

Even if we cannot gather in person
Emmanuel, God with us
Even if some Christmas traditions have had to go
Emmanuel, God with us
Even if we might not get to hug family and friends
Emmanuel, God with us
Even if we cannot sing carols beside each other
Emmanuel, God with us
Even if Christmas cheer is harder this year
Emmanuel, God with us

Hymn CH4 320 Joy to the world

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.	2 Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns! let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.	3 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.
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*Opening Prayer
Prayer of Confession &
The Lord's Prayer*

*Children's Message: **yoj***

Hymns CH4 284: Hope is a candle (vs 4 and 5)

4. Joy is a candle of mystery and laughter Mystery of light that is born in the dark Laughter at hearing the voice of an angel Ever so near casting out fear	5. Christ is the light that the prophets awaited Christ is the lion the lamb and the child Christ is the love and the mystery and laughter Candles make way Christ is the day
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Bible Reading: Psalm 98

- 1** Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- 2** The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- 3** He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 4** Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;
- 5** make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,
- 6** with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King.
- 7** Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
- 8** Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;
- 9** let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.



Hymn CH4 322 Good Christians, all rejoice

1 Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now give heed to what we say, Jesus Christ is born today: ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!	2 Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now you hear of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this: he has opened heaven's door, and all are blessed for evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!	3 Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now you need not fear the grave, Jesus Christ was born to save, calls you one, and calls you all, to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!
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Sermon: Psalm 98 'A Song of Joy'

Church Offering
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As we give, we listen to:
'Sing a song, a song of joy' (Irene)

Dedication of offerings

Church News

Summary for 13/12/2020		
Open plate + via bank		90.00
Envelopes + via bank		382.00
Coffee money	n/a	0.00
Sunday School	n/a	0.00
Bank (Weekly Avg.)		€ 671.00
Fixed Rental (Weekly Avg.)		€ 218.00
Additional Rents (Est. Weekly Avg)		€ 95.00
		€1,456.00
Average Weekly Expenditure		€1,370.00
Surplus/Deficit		€ 86.00
Rabagirana		€ 57.00

Prayers for Others: (Elder)

Hymn CH4 304 O little town of Bethlehem (vs 1, 3, 4)

1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see you lie! Above your deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet, in your dark streets shining the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in you tonight.	3 How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming: but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.	4 O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell: O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.
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Benediction & Three-fold Amen

Prayer Request

Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care or do you know someone who is?

Please send prayer request to the Prayer Coordinator: Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

Pastoral Care

For pastoral care or a visit from the Minister or an Elder, contact Rev. Graham Austin (see first page) your Elder, or the Church Office **E-mail SICR :** info@scotsintchurch.com



Visit

https://www.irenebom.com/prayer_matters/#new_tab

the Prayer Matters website to

- *prompt and resource your personal prayer*

Birthdays

We congratulate on their birthday this week

Doreen Asare-Awuku Dankwa

Christabel Okoro Tiyudy

Pam Russel-Knott

Christa Jacobs

Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

What's On & Church News

"The Consistory of the SICR have decided to suspend in-person services and move to online services for the time being.

This is a difficult time for everyone so remember each other in prayer.

May you find the rich blessings of God as we continue in worship and service."

series called The Songs of Christmas'

December 25 Elizabeth: 'A song of blessing' Luke 1:39-45

December 27 Simeon: 'Song of fulfilment' Luke 2:25-32

Christmas Greetings

Can you send in a short video, audio or email which is your Christmas greeting to the whole church? It would be great if you can send them either through the SICR email or through Facebook Messenger by the 23rd December.

Thank you!!

Devotions by WhatsApp

If you would like devotion by mobile phone, then join the Devotions WhatsApp group by texting: 06 3059 9641

Advent calendar

Ad 'Bright Hope for tomorrow' is the theme of this year's Advent calendar, which covers the four-week period running from the first Sunday of Advent (Sunday 29 November) until Christmas Eve (Thursday 24 December).



This year's theme is based on the lines 'Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow' from the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

This year will feel very different to previous years, as COVID-19 restrictions continues, limiting our opportunities to meet and worship in person. However, we hope that our Advent calendar will help spread a little hope and joy during these dark days.

Each day during Advent, a new window will be available to open with a themed prayer, video, or story.

Sign up for your daily reminder https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/home#new_tab

SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL

Version 1.1 approved by Consistory 22 June 2020

INTRODUCTION

With the easing of restrictions services can be attended by up to 100, provided the premises can be configured to enforce social distancing. All other guidance from the government remains in place and should be adhered to. The rules are designed to protect each other from a virus that can reproduce in others, while the victim has no symptoms and shows no outward signs.

The strategy of this protocol is to prepare the environment, cleanse hands on entry, enforce social distancing and clean after departure. If everyone strictly obeys the distancing rules there should be no need to make masks compulsory.

The width of passageways, stairs and aisles do not allow free movement in the church. To maximize our capacity safely, and get near the limit allowed by government regulation, alternate pews have been blocked off and a one way system introduced. Guests will be directed to the side aisles and pews will be occupied in sequence from the front to rear, with a maximum of 5 persons per pew depending on the size of the household groups.

After a pew is occupied people will normally be seated next to the aisles which means that no one can walk in the aisles without violating the 1.5 distance.

A few designated mobility/medical positions have therefore been created at the back to allow limited entry and departure during the service. Departure will be in sequence starting from the rear pews and leaving by the side aisles and directed to different exit doors.

Registration

It is advised that churches record all attendees to ensure compliance with capacity and to give immediate information to GGD in the event of someone testing positive with the virus. Registration will be through a web application from which it is hoped to print a standardised presentation list to be checked on entry. Online registration will be encouraged as it will save time when people arrive, and give an accurate indication of attendance. If there is spare capacity available for unexpected non registered guests they must be added to the list with the same information.

For tracking and tracing purposes the final presentation list has to be kept securely for 2 months, after which it will be destroyed to comply with data protection rules.

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