Welcome to the



a congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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A Child is Born

Order of Service for Christmas Day 2020 led by the Rev. Graham Austin

A Christmas Blessing

"The wisdom of the wonderful counsellor guide you, the angels of the Lord of Hosts guard you, the strength of the mighty God uphold you, the love of the everlasting Father enfold you, the joy of the Prince of Peace be yours, this Christmastide and for ever. Amen."

Ian Cowie

The Service Today

Minister: Rev. Graham Austin Elder: Ruud Witte

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Musical intermezzo: Jaco Jacobs & Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Children's message: Rev. Graham Austin

Vocalist: Anneke Pot Bible Reader: Bob Hensen Live Streaming: Rizal Sebastian

Flowers: Annemarie Smith – arranged by Bridget Teisman

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Friday 25th December 2020 Christmas Day

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP ------

Advent Candle

Musical Item: Hark the heralds angels

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Carol: MP 342 Infant holy, infant lowly

1.Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swiftly winging angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!

2.Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!

Prayer of Approach The Lord's Prayer

Children's Talk: Have you forgotten?

Carol: CH4 314 Child in the manger

1 Child in the manger, infant of Mary; outcast and stranger, Lord of all!
Child who inherits all our transgressions, all our demerits on him fall.

2 Once the most holy child of salvation gently and lowly lived below; now, as our glorious mighty Redeemer, see him victorious o'er each foe.

3 Prophets foretold him infant of wonder; angels behold him on his throne; worthy our Saviour of all their praises; happy forever are his own.

Musical Item: God rest ye merry, gentlemen



Reading: Luke 2:25-32

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

Carol: CH4 316 Love came down at Christmas

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?

love be yours and love be mine; love to God and others, love for plea and gift and sign

3.Love shall be our token;

Devotion: Simeon: A song of Fulfilment

Musical Item: Silent night



Prayer for others (elder)

Carol: CH4 306 O come all ye faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the King of angels;
[Refrain:]
O come, let us adore him,

2 God of God, Light of Light, Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; very God, begotten, not created; [Refrain] 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above, 'Glory to God in the highest': [Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given: Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]

Benediction

Musical Item: Blessing: Joy to the world





Worship Service Sunday December 27th

Presenting Jesus at the Temple Luke 2:25-40

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