

# 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

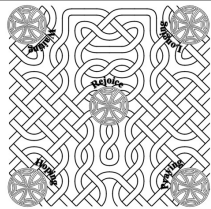
**Sunday 5th December 2021**

## OPEN DOOR AFTERNOON

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 Patience on her birthday. Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team



## Advent Wreath

There is available to download from the church website (www.scotsintchurch.com) a colour-in-yourself Advent wreath which follows the Advent themes for 2021. In each corner there is a

place for a Tea light and in the centre a Christmas Day light. (safest option is a battery tea-light). You are invited to colour it in and use it as you watch online, before or after the service

## Second Sunday in Advent

The theme for today is waiting  
**'Longing'**

"In the end, our longing is about wishing for different, on so many levels."  
(Karoline Lewis)

## Upcoming services

12th December - Sunday School  
Nativity Service  
25th December - Christmas Day

## Christmas is coming

It will soon be time for Christmas songs and carols. What is your favourite? Get in touch to let us know and we will try to make sure that your choice will be included in the upcoming

**Advent Season** which is entitled

## Active Advent

**Waiting Longing Hoping Praying**  
for the day of the Lord  
Zoom Bible Studies

Starting Wednesday 24 November 2021  
At 7.30pm

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

**Our special Mission Offering for December selected by the Youth Group, benefits a Cluster of six NGO's with Activities for Climate Change**



## 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. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at [pray.sicr@gmail.com](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)



## 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



## Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 6	Psalm 126; Isaiah 40:1-11; Romans 8:22-25
Tuesday 7	Psalm 126; Isaiah 19:18-25; 2 Peter 1:2-15
Wednesday 8	Psalm 126; Isaiah 35:3-7; Luke 7:18-30
Thursday 9	Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 6:1-8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
Friday 10	Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 8:4-12; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Saturday 11	Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 9:8-15; Luke 1:57-66

## Welcome

### Second 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

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.  
**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**  
Come to us, Lord, and fill our longing.

CH4 550 (vs 1 & alt.)

1. As the deer pants for the water,  
So my soul longs after you,  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield'  
To you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you.*

2. You are close to the broken-hearted  
You are near to all who call  
You are faithful to keep your promises  
You catch me when I fall.

*You alone are my strength, my shield'  
To you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you.*

#### Congregational Singing

3. Lord, you reign over all creation  
And your kingdom shall endure  
You have crowned me with love and tenderness  
My future is secure.

*You alone are my strength, my shield...*

Verse 1 and chorus: Martin Nystrom © 1982 Restoration Music Ltd/Sovereign Music UK  
Verses 2 and 3: inspired by the psalms by Irene Bom

### Prayer of Approach & The 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

#### Children's song

Thank You for every new good morning,  
Thank You for every fresh new day,  
Thank You that I may cast my burdens  
wholly on to You.

Thank You for grace to know Your gospel,  
Thank You, I know Your Spirit's here.  
Thank You for Your unfailing love  
which reaches far and near.  
by M G Schneider

#### Reading: Psalm 61:1-5

1 Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. 2 From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. 3 For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. 4 I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. 5 For you, God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

CH4 720 (vs 1, 2)

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord.  
For you to reveal yourself to us,  
There is a longing in our hearts for love  
We only find in you, our God.*

- 1. For Justice, for freedom, for mercy  
Hear our prayer.  
In sorrow, in grief:  
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Congregational Singing  
*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord.  
For you to reveal yourself to us,  
There is a longing in our hearts for love  
We only find in you, our God.*

- 2. For wisdom, for courage, for comfort;  
Hear our prayer  
In weakness, in fear:  
Be near, hear our prayer, O God.

**Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-8**

1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. 6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

CH4 720 (vs 3, 4)

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord.  
For you to reveal yourself to us,  
There is a longing in our hearts for love  
We only find in you, our God.*

- 3. For healing for wholeness, for new life,  
Hear our prayer,  
In sickness, in death:  
Be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Congregational Singing  
*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord.  
For you to reveal yourself to us,  
There is a longing in our hearts for love  
We only find in you, our God.*

- 4. Lord save us, take pity,  
light in out darkness,  
We call you, we wait:  
be near, hear our prayer, O God.  
Anne Briggs (h. 1947)

**Sermon - Longing**

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

*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...*

- 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...*  
by Irene Bom

**Prayer of Dedication & Prayer for**

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;  
*O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

2. God of God, Light of light,  
lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten, not created:  
*O come, let us adore Him,...*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
'Glory to God in the highest':  
*O come, let us adore Him,...*

**Congregational Singing**

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born for our salvation;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing  
*O come, let us adore Him, ...*  
Latin (18<sup>th</sup> century) tr. Frederick Oakley (1802-1880)

**A CELTIC COMMUNION (by Pat Robson) see inlay**

CH4 749

1. Soon and very soon,  
We are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon,  
We are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon,  
we are going to see the King!  
*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*  
*We are going to see the King!*

2. *No more crying there,  
we are going to see the King!*

**Congregational Singing**

3. *No more dying there,  
We are going to see the King!*  
Andrea Crouch (b. 1945)

**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.

**Live stream Services**

Go to the church website at [www.scotsintchurch.com](http://www.scotsintchurch.com) and click on KERKDIENTST GEMIST

**Today's Worship Team**

Service lead by Rev. Irene Bom  
Elder: Fred  
Children's Message: Virginia  
Organist: Jan Hendrik  
Vocalists: Sofi , Malcolm, Marten, Mikayla

Reader: Ruud  
Collection & Counting: Fred & Raneë  
Beamer & Live Streaming: Lina & Rizal  
Registration & Welcoming: Bob & Lianne  
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Hospitality: TBA

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Date	Sermon	Reading
12 December	Preacher Rev. Graham Austin Advent 3: Hoping	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18