



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 19th December 2021

Fourth Sunday in Advent
The theme for today is
'Praying'



"A time is coming when God will make
a home with the people who have been
waiting And in the meantime, pray."
(Lydia Sheldon)

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OPEN DOOR AFTERNOONS

closed from Friday 24 to 31 Dec. after which
SICR is open on Fridays 1.30pm to 4pm.
Come and enjoy a refreshment and a chat



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

Christmas Eve Service

You are invited to send a short Christmas video
message to the congregation to the minister's
email address so that it can be included in a pre-
recorded Christmas Eve service. This needs to
be done before
Monday 20 December.

Christmas Day 10.30am

Would you like to enjoy some companion-
ship and fellowship on Christmas day?
Then you are welcome to bring your
own lunch for after the service.
*This is so we can minimise moving
about the Lower hall.*

BAPTISM

day

Next Sunday 26 December

We look forward to the Baptism of
Rory Wolfert.
Son to Sinead and Robin
and brother to Bruce.

Something to Celebrate

This week we congratulate Richmond, Doreen,
Christabel, Pam and Christa on their birthdays.
Would you like your birthday mentioned?
Inform the Office Team

Today's Worship Team

Service lead by Rev. Irene Bom
Elder: Molly Foster
Children's Message: Esther
Organist: Netty
Vocalists: Raneë & Esther
Reader: Jean
Collection & Counting: Molly & Peace
Beamer & Live Streaming: Anthony & Daniël
Registration & Welcoming: Bob & Pam
Flowers: Christmas Decorations
Hospitality: Irene J.

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 20	Psalm 113; Genesis 25:19-28; Colossians 1:15-20
Tuesday 21	Psalm 113; Genesis 30:1-24; Romans 8:18-30
Wednesday 22	Luke 1:46b-55; Micah 4:1-5; Ephesians 2:11-22
Thursday 23	Luke 1:46b-55; Micah 4:6-8; 2 Peter 1:16-21
Friday 24	Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
Saturday 25	Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20



**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

Welcome

Fourth 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 CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As farmers wait for rainfall
As prisoners wait for freedom

Response: We wait for the Day of the Lord

Leader: As exiles yearn for home
As peacemakers yearn for justice

Response: We long for the Day of the Lord

Leader: As travellers search for shelter
As disciples look for answers

Response: We hope and pray for the Day of the Lord

CH4 154 O Lord my God! (v. 1, 3, 4)

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! how great thou art! (repeat)*

3. And when I think that God his Son not sparing,
sent him to die I scarce can take it in.
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! how great thou art! (repeat)*

Congregational Singing

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home what joy shall fill my heart!
then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,...

Russian Hymn translated Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

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

Congregational Singing

Talk to God, talk to God
Anywhere, anywhere
He is always listening
He is always listening
Talk to Him, talk to Him

Talk to God, talk to God
Anytime, anytime
He is always listening
He is always listening
Talk to Him, talk to Him
by Anon

Reading: Luke 18:1-8

1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' 4 "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!' " 6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Congregational Singing

Do not lose heart
Keep on praying
Do not lose heart: pray
Till the Kingdom comes: pray
Till the darkness fades
with the rising sun
do not lose heart: pray

(c) Irene Born

Reading: Jude 1:1-2: 17-25

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: 2 Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

17 But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. 18 They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." 19 These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. 20 But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. 22 Be merciful to those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. 24 To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— 25 to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

SERMON: Praying

CH4 506

1. All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres, and wars to own,
all I once thought gain I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing.*

*You're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You, Lord.*

2. Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You and known as Yours.
to possess by faith what I could not earn,
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing.*

*you're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You, Lord.*

Congregational Singing

3. Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,
and to know You in Your sufferings.
to become like You in Your death, my Lord,
so with You to live and never die.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,...

Graham Kendrick © 1993 Make Way Music

Prayer of Dedication & Prayer for others

*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

Benediction & Three-fold Amen



Five questions about prayer.

- **Who should pray?** Anyone! Anyone who needs God's help or anyone who has received God's blessing should pray -- and that is all of us.
- **What should we pray about?** Anything! We should pray when we are sick and for forgiveness from sin. We should offer prayers of thanks when we are happy, and ask for help in times of trouble.
- **When should we pray?** Anytime! If we should pray when we are in trouble, when we are sick, when we are happy, or when we have sinned, that is just about any time, isn't it?
- **Where should we pray?** Anywhere! If we should pray any time we need God's help, then I guess it just makes sense that we should pray anywhere we are, because wherever we are,

God is there!

- **Why should we pray?** Because God answers prayer! Prayer is powerful and effective and if we will pray, God will hear our prayers.
- The five W's of prayer. **Who? Anyone. What? Anything. When? Anytime. Where? Anywhere.**
Why? Because God answers prayer.

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 and click on KERKDIENT GEMIST

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
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Date	Sermon	Reading
26 December	'My Father's House'	Luke 2:41-52