



Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 27th November 2022

May we know the blessing of God as we worship together.



Advent - 'Light in the darkness'.

For the Advent season from Sunday 27th November the morning (10.30am) and evening services (19.30) will explore the theme of 'Light in the darkness'.

Advent 1: 27 November John 1:1-14: The Word

Advent 2: 4 December (Communion) Luke 2:8-20: Shepherds

Advent 3: 11 December Luke 2:25-32: Simeon

Advent 4: 18 December Matt 2:1-12: Wise men. There is also the Sunday School Nativity in the morning and a Sunday School party in the afternoon. At 17.30 a High tea/potluck, with an opportunity for carol singing around the community and a carol service in the evening 19.30.

You can download study materials for house groups or personal study from the church website

Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Ornella Jang and Rebecca Taylor on their birthdays this week.

Friday OPEN Afternoons



Tour the building, take a moment to pray, meet up with friends, enjoy a chat with others, you will be welcomed from 12:00 to 15:30 with tea/coffee. Soup available €2

House Groups/Bible Studies

Pilgrims House Group Mondays at 7.30pm at Bergpolderstraat 53A, 3038KB Rotterdam.

Contact Irene Bom on 06-52576892

Manse House Group (at nr.121). Tuesdays 19.30.

Contact Graham Austin (contact details on page 4)

If you are interested in house groups email Marten & Mikayla our Fellowship Coordinators (mikayla.sourman@gmail.com)

The SICR Christmas Lunch in the Lower Hall



Are you going to be on your own this Christmas? Perhaps you're not on your own but want somewhere to enjoy a larger company with your friends and family...then...this is the answer for you! **€5** tickets now on sale

Menu
Choice of soups
Meat & cheese platter
Dessert or lido
Tea/coffee

€5



Donations needed for the Christmas Fayre

Items are required, ASAP, to make up some Christmas hampers such as tinned and packaged foods (in date), dried foods e.g. pasta. No fresh foods e.g. fruit and veg. Christmas items e.g. chocolate, wine and soft drinks. Hand items into the manse. Thanks

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 28	Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11
Tuesday 29	Psalm 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40
Wednesday 30	Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35
Thursday 1	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26
Friday 2	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25
Saturday 3	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28

Do you want a daily 'Thought for the Day' direct to your mobile?



Then join the 'Thought for the day' WhatsApp group by texting: 06 3059 9641



Welcome to the Service

Today is the first Sunday in Advent and as we make our way to Christmas day may our prayers be full of expectancy and excitement. On the front page you will read of opportunities to worship and study in this waiting time. The theme for all our worship and activities is 'Light in the Darkness'. Also today we baptise Reza Motamebi and admit him to membership of the Church by public profession of faith while Dee Austin renews her membership vows as a sign of her commitment to the SICR.

At the beginning of the service you will be asked to stand as the Bible is brought forward.

Call to worship

Leader: In the beginning God said: "let there be light," and there was light.

Response: **And God saw that the light was good
and he separated the light from the darkness.**

Leader: In the beginning was life, and that life was the light of the world.

Response: **And the darkness has not understood the light.**

Leader: The true light that gives light to everyone has come into the world.

Response: **The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit of Truth
are with us here and now.**

Welcome

CH4 290

1. The race that long in darkness pined
has seen a glorious Light;
the people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.

2. To us a Child of hope is born;
to us a Son is given,
him shall the tribes of earth obey.
him all the hosts of heaven

3. His Name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored;
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.

4. His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know:
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

Scottish Paraphrases 1781

Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen

Children's Talk

MP 445

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth You now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by Your blood I may enter Your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine,...
Graham Kendrick © 1987 Make Way Music

Reading: John1:1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The offering as we listen to

Dedicating the Offering

MP 587

1. Search me, O God, and know my heart today,
try me, O Lord, and know my thoughts, I pray:
see if there be some wicked way in me,
cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

2. I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
fulfil Thy word, and make me pure within;
fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame,
grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

3. Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;
take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.

4. O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
send a revival, start the work in me;
thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
for blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

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Baptism of Reza Motamebi

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died,
and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at
the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN.

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1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long; (x2)*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song,...

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song,...
Frances Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

Vows of Membership

Prayer for Others

CH4 748

1. Through saints we glimpse the light of Christ,
the Morning Star that crowns the night,
whose rising heralds God's new day,
the promised dawn of life and light.

3. That light is ours to claim and share,
not merely praise or gaze upon:
for all who are baptized become
light-bearers through the Risen one.

2. The light saints bear is not their own
but shines through them as gift and sign:
to show how God can use and bless
frail human means for ends divine.

4. The saints inspire and challenge us
our holy calling to embrace:
to bear Christ's light in our own day,
to be vessels of God's grace.
Carl P. Daw, Jr © 1987 Hope Pub. Co

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

Mission Offering for November

In November we are supporting
"SKIN-Samen Kerk in Nederland".
Please know it is not expected that people
contribute every Sunday to the Mission Offering.

Consistory - Focus meeting

Friday 9 December at 7.30pm

Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Graham Austin
Prayer: Raneë Damanik
Children's talk: Mikayla Souman
Bible Reader: Annemiek
Music: Gertine Hoefnagel
Beamer & Live streaming: Ricky Lim
Sound: Stanley Murithi
Hospitality: Mavis Fleming and Crew
Flowers: Rizal Sebastian
Counting: Frieda Enow & Esther Abang
Welcoming: Azmi Wahab & Jimmy van Putten
Door: John Essel

Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

Or do you know someone who is? Would you like the minister to phone or visit you? Please send in your requests via email, text, phone or PM through the church Facebook page. Contact details below. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

A sending out prayer

Lord, we pray that in all our preparations for the coming week and for Christmas, we may find time to spend time with you. Help us to be prayerful, watchful, full of hope and full of light for your coming. Amen.

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