



Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 11th December 2022

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



Advent - 'Light in the darkness'.

During the Advent season **morning services at 10.30am**
and evening services at 19:30

NEXT WEEK

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 Jan van Put, James Essel and Menen Tessema-Betre on their birthdays this week.

The SICR Christmas Lunch in the Lower Hall



Share in fellowship after the Christmas Day Service. Tickets **now** on sale **€5** Adult, 10-16 **€2.50** Under 10 free

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

A sending out prayer

Lord, as we go out into the world,
may we be signs of your coming kingdom.
As we struggle through the dark,
may we know that you are there with us.
And, as we walk the way of faith,
may we know that your faithfulness is deeper
than our doubts.
Amen.

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 12	Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16
Tuesday 13	Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25
Wednesday 14	Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34
Thursday 15	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Gal. 3:23-29
Friday 16	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Gal. 4:1-7
Saturday 17	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36

House Groups/Bible Studies

Pilgrims House Group Mondays at 1930 at Bergpolderstraat 53A, 3038KB Rotterdam.
Contact Irene Bom on 06-52576892

Manse House Group Schiedamse Vest 121
3012BH Tuesdays 19:30. Contact Rev.Graham Austin - Phone: 010 412 5709 or 06 3059 9641

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

Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Graham Austin
Prayer: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku
Children's talk: Graham Austin
Reader: Jean Galloway
Music: Jan-Hendrik v.d. Kamp
Beamer & Live streaming: Daniel De Jong
Sound: Stanley Muriithi
Hospitality: Molly Foster and Irene Jardine
Counting: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku
& Ruud Witte
Welcoming: Dee Austin and Raneë Damanik
Door: Jim Taylor

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Welcome to the Service

Today is the Third Sunday in Advent and our theme continues to be 'Light in the Darkness'.

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

Welcome

Call to worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

Response: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

Response: but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Leader: Nations shall come to your light,

Response: and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: The people who walked in darkness

Response: have seen a great light;

Leader: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,

Response: on them light has shined.

Leader: Let us celebrate the Light of the world,

Response: for upon us has the Light shined.

(from Isaiah 9 and 60, NRSV)

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1. Joy to the world!

The Lord has 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 earth!

The Saviour reigns;
your sweetest songs employ.
While fields and streams
and 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,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-
en. 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 325

I'm special because
God has loved me,
for He gave the best thing
that He had to save me;
His own Son Jesus, crucified
to take the blame,
for all the bad things I have done.

*Thank You Jesus, thank You Lord,
for loving me so much.
I know I don't deserve anything,
help me feel Your love right now
to know deep in my heart
that I'm Your special friend.*

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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.'

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| 1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee. | 3. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring. |
| 2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart. | 4. By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne. |

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Sermon - 'Longing for Light'

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| 1. Now, Lord! according to thy word,
let me in my peace depart;
mine eyes have thy salvation seen,
and gladness fills my heart. | 2. That Sun I now behold, whose light
shall heathen darkness chase,
and rays of brightest glory pour
around thy chosen race. |
| 3. This great salvation, long prepared,
and now disclosed to view,
hath proved thy love was constant still,
and promises were true. | |

Scottish Paraphrases 1781 Luke 2:29-32

We give our offering as we listen to Jan-Hendrik

Dedicating the Offering and prayer for Others

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| 1. Longing for light we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
<i>Christ, be our light!</i>
<i>Shine in our hearts.</i>
<i>Shine through the darkness.</i>
<i>Christ, be our light!</i>
<i>Shine in your Church gathered today.</i> | 2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us
make us your living voice.
<i>Christ, be our light!</i>
<i>Shine in our hearts.</i>
<i>Shine through the darkness.</i>
<i>Christ, be our light!</i>
<i>Shine in your Church gathered today.</i> |
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5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.*

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

Jesus is presented at the temple

Two people, Simeon and Anna recognise Jesus as the Saviour sent by God. This was a day they both longed for and they were overjoyed to see it and give thanks to God. **Colour the picture**



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