



# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

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



**Advent - 'Light in the darkness'.**

**TODAY**

**Advent 4: 18 December** Matt 2:1-12: Wise men. Service includes a pictorial **Sunday School Nativity** followed by the **Sunday School party**.

5.30pm Potluck High tea

6.30pm Carol singing around the community

7.30pm Carol Service

**Next Sunday - Christmas Day**

Morning Family Service 10.30am 'For to us a child is born'

### Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Richmond Mensah, Doreen Asare-Awuku, Christabel Okoro Tijjudy and Pam Russell-Knott 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,

€2.50 10-16

Free Under 10



### 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

### To ponder

"The magi stand for all the nations, including us, who would come to worship Jesus, the Messiah of Israel (Psalm 72:10-11), and see the manifestation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus (Isaiah 60:1-2; cf. John 1:14; 2 Cor. 4:6)." (Stephen Hultgren)

### Daily Devotional Readings

<b>Monday 19</b>	<b>1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20</b>
<b>Tuesday 20</b>	<b>1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 21:1-21; Galatians 4:21-5:1</b>
<b>Wednesday 21</b>	<b>1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 37:2-11; Matthew 1:1-17</b>
<b>Thursday 22</b>	<b>Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Rev. 22:6-7, 18-20</b>
<b>Friday 23</b>	<b>Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Gal. 3:6-14</b>
<b>Saturday 24</b>	<b>Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20</b>

### House Groups/Bible Studies

**Pilgrims House Group** Mondays at 7.30pm

**Returns on 9 January**

Contact Irene Bom on 06-52576892

**Manse House Group** Schiedamse Vest 121

**Returns late January**

Contact Graham (contact details on last page)

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

### Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Irene Bom

Prayer: Frieda Enow

Children's talk: Sunday School

'Picture the Nativity'

Reader: Dick Gerla

Music: Netty Dijkstra

Beamer & Live streaming: Anthony Evovo

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Evelyn Koomson

& Menen Tessema-Betre

Welcoming: Margriet van Overbeeke

& Lianne Buitendijk

Flowers: Azmi & Rinus

Counting: Frieda Enow & Esther Abang

Door: Fred Booman

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### Welcome to the Service

Today is the Fourth 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.

Introit : Emmanuel (Irene Bom)

1. Sing a song, a song of joy  
Come along and see the boy  
A baby boy who from heaven came  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel is His Name

2. Shepherds heard the angels sing  
Bringing news of a baby king  
So they went without delay  
To see the baby in a manger where he lay

*Emmanuel - God is with us*  
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3. Wise men came from afar  
They were led by a star  
They brought him gifts, gifts of joy  
Gold and myrrh and frankincense  
for the boy

*Emmanuel ...*

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### Welcome

#### Call to worship

Leader: A new star burst into the night sky.

Response: **Wise men were watching.**

Leader: The star led them to Jesus

Response: **and they worshipped him.**

Leader: Let us follow their example.

Response: **Yes, let us worship Jesus too.**

### MP 83

*Come and join the celebration,  
it's a very special day;  
come and share our jubilation,  
there's a new King born today!*

1. See the shepherds  
hurry down to Bethlehem;  
gaze in wonder  
at the Son of God who lay before them.  
*Come and join...*

2. Wise men journey,  
led to worship by a star,  
kneel in homage,  
bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so  
*Come and join...*

3. 'God is with us'  
round the world the message bring;  
he is with us,  
'Welcome!' all the bells on earth are peeling.  
*Come and join...*

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### 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

## Picture the Nativity

### A pictorial presentation of the Nativity by the Sunday School

#### Song 1

Little donkey, little donkey,  
on the dusty road.  
Got to keep on plodding onwards,  
with your precious load.  
Been a long time, little donkey,  
through the winter's night.  
Don't give up now, little donkey,  
Bethlehem's in sight

*Ring out those bells tonight  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.  
Follow that star tonight,  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.*

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#### Song 2

1. See Him lying on a bed of straw:  
a draughty stable with an open door;  
Mary cradling the babe she bore -  
the prince of glory is His name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem,  
to see the Lord appear to men!  
Just as poor as was the stable then,  
the Prince of glory when He came.*

Michael Perry © Mrs B Perry/Jubilate Hymns

#### Song 3

1. The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay:  
in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel!*

#### Song 4

4. This star drew nigh to the north-west,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel!*

#### Song 5

1. Away in a manger,  
no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus  
laid down His sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky  
looked down where He lay;  
the little Lord Jesus  
asleep on the hay.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus:  
I ask You to stay  
close by me forever  
and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children  
in Your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven  
to live with You there.

Little children's book, Philadelphia, 1885 Author unknown

### Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

5 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.' 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## CH4 315 vs 1, 2, 5, 6

1. Once, in royal David's city,  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.

5. And our eyes at last shall see Him  
through His own redeeming love;  
for that child, so dear and gentle,  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and He leads His children on  
to the place where He is gone.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and His shelter was a stable,  
and His cradle was a stall:  
with the poor and meek and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see Him, but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
when like stars His children crowned,  
all in white shall wait around.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

### Sermon - 'King of Kings'

#### Song

We bring Him gold  
for Jesus is the King of Kings  
We bring Him myrrh  
for Jesus is our Saviour  
We bring Him frankincense  
for Jesus is our God  
He is our God,  
Our Saviour and our King.

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We give our offering as we listen to Netty

### Dedicating the Offering and prayer for others

## CH4 320

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)

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

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