



Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 1st January 2023

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

Happy New Year

May we all know God's blessing as we enter into this unexplored country of 2023. Let us trust our Shepherd as we listen for his voice and sense his guiding hand upon us. Pray for God's light to shine as we chase back the darkness in Jesus name.

Let us endeavour to grow as disciples of Jesus not only to hear his words but to be doers of his word. In so doing justice may prevail, peace is desired and those far from Christ are welcomed into God's mercy and grace.

So in this coming year may our thoughts be gentle, our words kind and our actions Christ-like. God bless

Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Stefan Stifanos, Cindel Fleming and Peace Acquah on their birthdays this week.



Friday OPEN Afternoons

We are on holiday until
Friday 6 January.
Many thanks to the team for all their hard work during 2022



January Mission Offering

Sunday 29 January is World Leprosy Day. From their website we read, 'Leprosy still claims hundreds of thousands of victims each year, almost all of whom face exclusion. That is why every year on the last Sunday of January, attention is drawn to the people who suffer from the consequences of this disease. For more info visit www.leprazending.nl/

Leprazending

Soup Sunday

after service fellowship in the Lower Hall

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
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Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin

Prayer: Ruud Witte

Children's talk: Bob Hensen

Bible Reader: Ruud Witte

Music: Jan-Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Beamer & Live streaming: Rizal Sabastian

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: The Sunday Soup Team

Welcoming: Joke Cromwell & James Essel

Flowers: arranged by Bridget Teisman

Counting: Ruud Witte & Raneë Damanik

Door: Bob Hensen

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 2	Psalm 20; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12	<p>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</p> 
Tuesday 3	Psalm 72; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22	
Wednesday 4	Psalm 72; Exodus 3:1-5; Hebrews 11:23-31	
Thursday 5	Psalm 72; Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2	
Friday 6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matt. 2:1-12	
Saturday 7	2023: Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Ephesians 3:14-21	

Welcome to the Service

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

Call to worship

Leader: Come, old or young – or somewhere between!

Response: Come and worship the Lord.

Leader: Come if you are sorrowful or rejoicing.

Response: Come, all who are ready to build and develop.

Leader: Come, all who are searching or needing to let go.

**Response: Come to share in the silence and the singing.
Come everyone and worship the Lord.**

Welcome

CH4 305

1. In the bleak mid winter,
frosty wind made moan;
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone.
Snow had fallen,
snow on snow, snow on snow;
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold Him,
nor earth sustain,
heaven and earth shall flee away
when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

3. Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air.
But His mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

4. What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give Him
give my heart.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Prayer

Children's Talk

Song

Wide, wide as the ocean
high as the heaven above
deep, deep as the deepest sea
is my Saviour's love.

I, though so unworthy,
still am a child of His care,
for His word teaches me
that His love reaches me
everywhere.

by Anon

Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

10 In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. 11 Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. 12 He says, 'I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.' 13 And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again he says, 'Here am I, and the children God has given me.' 14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Sermon: 'The Saviour who knows us'

We give our offering as we listen to musical item from Jan-Hendrik

Dedicating the Offering

CH4 459

**1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

**3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never,
never fail throughout eternity.**

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Communion

.....For this gift of bread and wine that reminds us of all those other gifts you have given us we say
with every person who has been at this table in every time and in every place,

***Holy, holy, holy God
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God
Hosanna in the highest.***

**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 for ever. Amen**

**Share the Bread
Share the Cup
Share the Peace**

MP 829

**1. For the joys and for the sorrows, the best and worst of times,
for this moment, for tomorrow, for all that lies behind;
fears that crowd around me, for the failure of my plans,
for the dreams of all I hope to be, the truth of what I am:**

***For this I have Jesus, (x3)
I have Jesus.***

2. For the tears that flow in secret,
in the broken times,
for the moments of elation,
or the troubled mind;
for all the disappointments,
or the sting of old regrets,
all my prayers and longings,
that seem unanswered yet:

*For this I have Jesus,(x3)
I have Jesus.*

3. For the weakness of my body,
the burdens of each day,
for the nights of doubt and worry,
When sleep has fled away,
needing reassurance,
and the will to start again,
a steely-eyed endurance,
the strength to fight and win:

*For this I have Jesus, (x3)
I have Jesus.*

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Prayer for Others

CH4 352 (vs 1, 2, 5, 6)

1. O for a thousand tongues, to sing
my great Redeemer's praise!
The glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace!

2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

5. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ,
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of Thy name.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Please remain standing as the Bible is carried out.

Consistory - Focus Meeting

Friday 13 January 7.30pm

Mission Offering for December

Thank you to all who contributed to the **Youth Group's December Mission Appeal** which was in aid of two projects by our sister Church of Scotland in Sri Lanka. The final total was **€359.50**.

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 though 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

When life is hard, it's time to trust God.
When life is full of joy and fun,
it's time to thank God.
When God seems far away,
it's time to look for God.
When God is close,
it's time to sing to God.
In all our lives it's time to praise God.
Amen.



SAVE THE DATE

Plans are in hand for a
Social Evening
on
Friday 27 January.
More details to follow

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