

Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 15th January 2023

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



SAVE THE DATE **SICR Beetle Drive**

With a 2 course meal and
1 glass of wine, juice or
beer. (extra can be purchased)

Friday 27 January
7 for 7.30pm.

Tickets €7 available today

SICR Youth Group

Re-starting in 2023 on **Sunday 15 January**,
and is open to anyone between 11-17 years old.
Come down to the lower hall after the children's
address, where there will be some games and
discussion time together.

If you want to be added to the **Youth Group**
WhatsApp group and keep with the latest
news please get in touch with youth group lead-
ers Saskia, Jeroen or Rebecca.



Friday OPEN Afternoons

Fridays 12 to 3.30pm.

All welcome to enjoy tea, coffee
and a chat.

Soup also available at €2

Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Christilito Cuvulay and Lee
Bouwman on their birthdays this week.

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

House Groups/Bible Studies

Pilgrims House Group Mondays at 7.30pm

Bergpolderstraat 53A, 3038KB Rotterdam.

Contact Irene Bom on 06-52576892

Manse House Group, Schiedamsse Vest 121

Returns Tuesday 31 January 7.30pm

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: Rev. Graham Austin

Prayer: Frieda Enow

Children's Talk: Mikayla Souman

Reader: Stefan Sprangers

Music: Netty Dijkstra

Live Streaming & Beamer: Anthony Evovo

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Dennis & Julisca Acqauye

Welcoming: Margriet van Overbeeke & Silvia Scott

Flowers: Ruby & Wilte Everts


Counting: Frieda Enow & Mavis Fleming

Door: Bob Hensen

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

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 16	Psalm 40:6-17; Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28; Acts 8:26-40	<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 17	Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 10:1-4	
Wednesday 18	Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 48:12-21; Matthew 9:14-17	
Thursday 19	Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 1:11-24	
Friday 20	Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8; Galatians 2:1-10	
Saturday 21	Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Luke 5:27-32	

Welcome to the Service

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

Choir Introit CH4 31 'I waited patiently for God'

Call to worship

Leader: O God, you called us by name to come, and we respond with delight and gladness

Response: In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.

Leader: Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.

Response: In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.

Leader: Our God had given us a new song of praise to sing to our Awesome God!

Response: In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen.

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Welcome

CH4 552 (vs 1, 2, 4, 5)

1. Oh, for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

2. Where is the blessedness I knew,
when first I saw the Lord?
where is the soul refreshing view
of Jesus and His Word?

4. Return, O holy Dove! return,
sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn
and drove thee from my breast.

6. So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

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 for ever. Amen

Children's Talk

MP 52

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there
to prove my Saviour lives.
*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
because He lives all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living
just because He lives.*

2. How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain
days because He lives.
*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
because He lives all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living
just because He lives.*

3. And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.
Because He lives...

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29 The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, "A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me." 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.' 32 Then John gave this testimony: 'I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit." 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One.' 35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!' 37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?' They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?' 39 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. 40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter).

MP 469

1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
be wholly Thine!

2. May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee,
pure warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my Guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from Thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen
stream over me roll;
blest Saviour, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

Sermon: 'What are you looking for?'

We give our offering as we listen to musical item from Netty Dijkstra

Dedicating the Offering

Guest Speaker

World Leprosy Day: A short address by Matthias Duck a pastor and former leprosy patient.

Choir MP 272 'I have decided to follow Jesus'

Prayer for Others

CH4 355

1. You Lord are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both Prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
in the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.

2. Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the Cross,
shining in eternal glory,
harrowing hell to save the lost.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our gift and cost.

3. You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.

4. Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.

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

You are welcome to after service fellowship in the Lower Hall

Name _____

ROOTS Activity sheet

15-21 January 2023

 John 1.29-42

The first disciples decide to follow Jesus.



Jesus invites people to 'come and see' for themselves.

 Write

Write a poem by completing each line to follow after the word that has been given.

Come

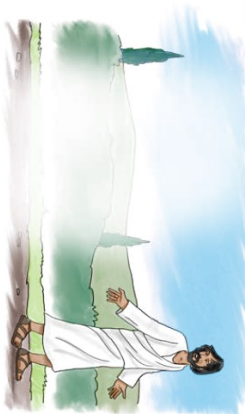
See

Tell

Repeat

 Draw

Add some people following Jesus to this picture. Perhaps you could include yourself!



 Puzzle

Who said what?
Match the speech bubble to the person.

The Lamb of God

Rabbi

Come and See

We've found the Messiah

Jesus

John the Baptist

Andrew

a disciple

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