

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

December 2nd 2018
1st Sunday in Advent

Preparation: *Silent prayer, 10.00 am, 20 mins, front right of church*

Prelude: ‘Wachet auf’, J.S. Bach

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Leader: among the poor, among the proud,

Males: among the persecuted,

Females: among the privileged,

All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: with a gentle touch, with an angry word,

Males: with fiery judgement,

Females: with burning love,

All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: that the Kingdom might come,

that the world might believe,

Males: that the powerful might stumble,

Females: that the hidden might be seen,

All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: Within us, without us, behind us, before us,

Males: in this place, in every place,

Females: for this time, for all time,

All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

❖ **Hymn 273:**

O come, O come Emmanuel

❖ **Prayer of approach** (ending with the Lord’s Prayer)

(please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

❖ **Children’s address & Lighting of advent candles**

❖ **Hymn 282** (Chorus and v.1):

‘Christmas is coming!’

❖ **Lesson:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Old Testament, p.749)

- ❖ **Music in worship:** *Behold a Star from Jacob Shining*, F. Mendelssohn
- ❖ **Lesson:** Luke 21:25-28 (New Testament, p.82)
- ❖ **Hymn 472:** *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *hope and a dead end* Followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 276** (chorus only): *Wait for the Lord, his day is near*
- ❖ **Prayers of intercession**
- ❖ **Hymn 666:** *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*
- ❖ **Offering & dedication** *Salvation is Nearer*, Virgil T. Ford
- ❖ **Confession of faith, Hymn 628:** *I believe in God the Father Almighty*
- ❖ **The Peace, Invitation and the story of the Last Supper**
- ❖ **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

<i>The Lord be with you</i>	and also with you
<i>Lift up your hearts</i>	we lift them up to the Lord
<i>Let us give thanks</i>	It is right to give
<i>to the Lord our God</i>	our thanks and praise
- .. with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join in singing..
- Hymn 651:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might*
- ❖ **Prayer of Consecration**
- ❖ **Sharing of bread and wine** *Lo, How a Rose*, M. Praetorius
Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.
- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 278:** *'Wake, awake! for night is flying'*

Sending out with blessing

Postlude: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come, F.W. Marburg

Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.

Our service is led this morning by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. Scripture reader is Janis Götz. Prayers of intercession are led by Margaret Richards.

*This is an **all-age Communion service**. All those who are baptised and those who look to Jesus as Saviour are welcome to partake. Consistory members on duty are Gillian Walker and Ingrid Sørensen.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for **refreshments** after the service.
If you are new you might like to visit our **Welcome Desk**.
Please turn off your mobile phones.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- As this is an all-age Communion service there is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church** this morning.
- After a break for refreshments after the service we will go **carol singing out on the Spui**. All welcome!
- **Prayer**: If anyone feels in particular **need of prayer** today, Sally Stone will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with them.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week, 19.30 hrs: Advent Bible Study at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat at 19.30 hrs. All welcome.

Christmas services and events:

Fri Dec 14 th , 20.00 hrs:	Carols by Candlelight
Sat Dec 15 th , 15.00 hrs:	Sunday School Party at the Church Hall, 282A Nieuwezijds Voorburgwaal
Sun Dec 16 th , 10.30 hrs:	service with children's nativity & choir
“ “ 16.00 hrs:	Ecumenical multilingual Carol service for churches on the Spui, in the Singelkerk
Mon Dec 24 th , 17.30 hrs:	early Christmas Eve Carol service
“ “ 25 th , 22.30 hrs:	Christmas Eve service
Tues Dec 25 th , 10.30 hrs:	Christmas Day all-age service

- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church is committed to cooking lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. Interested? Please contact Tom Flanagan: dekloof@ercadam.nl.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- The Church of Scotland has a series of **Advent messages** that change each day. These can be found on churchofscotland.org.uk.

Bible Readings for the Coming Weeks

These follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a programme of readings followed by churches all over the world. We normally use two of these passages in our services, sometimes quoting the Psalm in our Call to Worship. You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Dec 9th: **Malachi 3:1-4**; Luke 1:68-79; Luke 3:1-6; Philippians 1:3-11

Dec 16th (Nativity service): Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 3:7-18;
Philippians 4:4-7

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