

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

17<sup>th</sup> January 2016



**Preparation:** *Prayer time outside Deaconry room, 10.00 – 10.20 am*

*Prelude* *Variations on a bass by Corelli, J.G. Walther*

## **Welcome and announcements**

### **Call to Worship and Approach to God**

Come, Creator God, Maker of all things,  
**Come to your house and tarry with us.**

Come, Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world,  
**Come to your people who cry, ‘Jesus is Lord!’**

Come, Spirit of God, Spirit of Jesus, giver of gifts,  
**Come and fill our hearts with praise.**

**Hymn 124** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*

Prayer, ending with the Lord's Prayer

*(but 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, for ever. Amen.



**The English Reformed Church, Amsterdam**

A congregation of the **Church of Scotland**

and the **Protestant Church of the Netherlands (PKN)**

# The Word of God

## Children's Talk

**First Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 (New Testament, p.170)

### Hymn

There are many ways of sharing, but God's Spirit gives each one.  
There are different ways of caring; it's one Lord whose work is done.  
God, whose gifts are overflowing, may we hear you when you call;  
Keep us serving, keep us growing for the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.  
When you call your sons and daughters, you give gifts for serving you.  
God, we join in celebration of the talents you impart.  
Bless each baptized one's vocation; give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; some are set apart to lead.  
Give us Jesus' love within us as we care for those in need.  
Give us faith to make decisions; give us joy to share your Word.  
Give us unity and vision as we serve your church and world.

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**Second Lesson:** Isaiah 62:1-5 (Old Testament, p.703)

*Music in worship*

*Simple Gifts, Shaker song, adapted by A. Copland*

### Hymn 640

*Holy Spirit, come, confirm us*

**Sermon** *True spirituality*

*Pause for Reflection*

## Response to God's Word

### Hymn 624

*In Christ there is no east or west*

Prayers of Intercession

### Offering

*Bless the Lord, O my Soul, M. Ippolitof-Ivanof*

**Dedication**, including **hymn 810**, *Sing to the Lord*

For every gift that comes from your Spirit

**We praise and thank you, God.**

Here we offer back to you all that you have given us:

**Take these our offerings and use them in your service.**

We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

### Hymn 646

*Forth in the peace of Christ we go*

### The Blessing (*Sung Amen*)



*Postlude*

*Aus mein Herzens Grunde, J.G. Walther*

*The congregation is asked to remain in place until the minister has left the Church.  
Please turn off your mobile phone during the service.*

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, the Revd Dr Lance Stone.*

*The reader today is Thijs Glasz.*

*Officebearers on duty are Giles Francis and Mattia Falcone.*

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## Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service. If you are here for more than a holiday, we hope you will return again.
  - There are **coffee, tea and cakes** in the church after the service today. We hope you can stay and join us!
  - **Children's Ministry** There is a crèche for children under four years old, please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School for ages 4-11 (led by Mei Li Vos and Veronica Garcia Robles), and the Junior Church (led by Amy Poon and Floris Harm), meet at ABC Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11.
  - Remember that every Sunday there is a **time of prayer** outside the Deaconry Room, near the pulpit, from 10:00am until about 10:20am. Come and pray even if only for a few moments, especially for the service and for the life of our church.
  - **ELECTION OF A NEW ELDER:** Following the departure of Christa Oudshoorn Hobo, the Consistory requires a new elder. A new process will be followed for this appointment, with members of the congregation being given an opportunity to nominate members for the post, after which the Consistory will make a decision. A box for nominations will be available today and for the next two Sundays.
  - There will be a service at our church for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** on Saturday, 23 January at 4:00pm . More details available from Pastor Lance.
  - **Burns Supper!** This Friday, 22 January at 7:30pm we will celebrate the birth of the great Scottish poet Robert Burns at the Lutheran Church, directly opposite the Begijnhof on the Spui. The entrance is on the Handboogstraat. All are welcome and you are invited (if you wish!) to bring a song or a poem (by anyone!) or a musical item or a story to share. Cost: €10. Speak to Pastor Lance for information.
  - Beginning this week: a **midweek fellowship** 6-week study on PRAYER, using dvd and other material by Philip Yancey. Beginning this Wednesday, 20 January, at 7:30pm, it will run fortnightly at the manse. For more information speak to Pastor Lance.
  - **Enquirers' class:** Lance intends to run one soon, for anyone interested in church membership, baptism or just a refresher course on the Christian faith. Please speak to Pastor Lance for information. All are welcome!
  - There is a new **Flower List** hanging in the Consistory room. If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the church on a Sunday, please either transfer your donation to the church bank account, give it to Susan Polstra, or give it to one of the Consistory members on duty. The usual donation is €15. It's a nice way to mark an anniversary or remember a loved one!
  - Cooking at **De Kloof!** De Kloof is a shelter for homeless people in the centre of Amsterdam. Our church is committed to cooking lunch at the shelter every second Monday of the month. If you are interested in helping, or would like to know more about this project, please contact Gillian Walker at [dekloof@ercadam.nl](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl)
  - We have a weekly collection of **non-perishable food** and household goods for distribution to those who are in need locally. These can be left in a box in the vestibule of the church before the service. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
  - This liturgy sheet is available in **large print**. If you would like a large print version, please speak to one of the consistory members on duty
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## Church Contacts

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## Our Congregation

Our congregation was founded on 4 February 1607 to serve the English speaking population of Amsterdam. We welcome worshippers from many countries, backgrounds and walks of life. Founded within the Reformed Tradition we are part of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Protestant Church of the Netherlands.

The first church in the Begijnhof was built as a private chapel in about 1390; it was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in the 1490s. The church was closed by the Town Council in the Reformation and lay unused for 30 years till in 1607 it was given to English-speaking worshippers in Amsterdam.

Our congregation relies on the support of worshippers, members and friends to maintain our ministries and buildings. We aim to be financially self-supporting both in our own work and in order to give to others in mission. There are different ways to support our congregation; through the gifts of time, talent, and finance. We invite everyone to be involved, and to prayerfully consider how you can support and share the ministry of the congregation.

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## Bank Accounts

English Reformed Church NL44 ABNA 0547 6235 50

Maintenance Fund: Friends of the English Reformed Church: NL99 ABNA 0624 1800 69

## Request for Information

Fill in the form below  and hand it in as you leave or send it to the Scriba.

I would like information about:     Church Membership     Baptisms     Concerts  
 Sunday School or Crèche     Weddings     Funerals     20s30s Group

Church Magazine *The Record*     Mulanje Mission Hospital ([www.mmh.mw](http://www.mmh.mw))

I would like the Minister to contact me:     Please note my change of address:

Name: .....

Address .....

Postcode: ..... Town.....

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