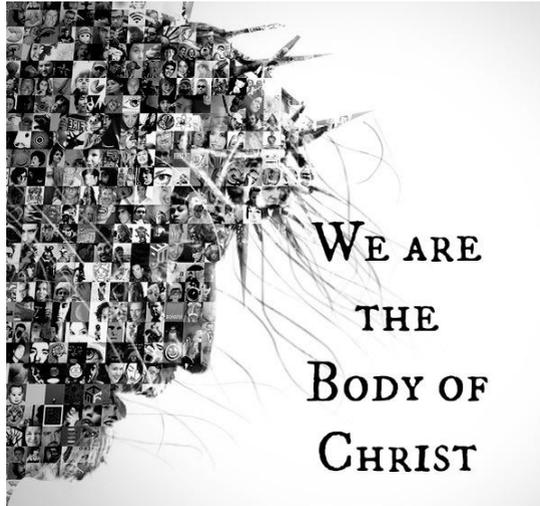


**“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”**

24<sup>th</sup> January 2016



**Preparation:** *Prayer outside Deaconry room, 10.00 – 10.20 am*  
*Take time for a few moments of silent prayer before the service.*

*Prelude*

*Tiento, P.A. Vila*

**Welcome and announcements**

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

The heavens are telling the glory of God  
**and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

Day to day pours forth speech

**and night to night declares knowledge.**

Come, Lord, open our lips

**and our mouths will your praise.** *Psalm 19:1,2*

**Hymn 184**

*Sing to the Lord a joyful song*



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A congregation of the **Church of Scotland**  
and the **Protestant Church of the Netherlands (PKN)**

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 Word of God

### Children's Talk

**First Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a (New Testament, p.170)

**Hymn 205**

*Lord, can this really be?*

**Second Lesson:** Luke 4:14-21 (New Testament, p.58)

*Music in worship*

two settings of *In thee, Lord, have I hoped*, M. Dupré

**Hymn 679**

*One is the body and one is the Head*

**Sermon:**

*Pause for Reflection*

## Response to God's Word

**Hymn 275**

*Come now, O Prince of peace*

Prayers of Intercession

**Offering**

*Lord God, we praise thee*, J. Pachelbel

**Dedication**, including **hymn 810**, *Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth*

Gracious God, giver of all good things

Accept these our offerings we pray.

**With them take our hands,  
our feet, our bodies, our minds  
to be used in your service.**

**Hymn 113**

*God the Father of Creation*

**The Blessing** (*Sung Amen*)



Amen      Amen      Am-----en

*Postlude*

*Toccata in G*, W.H. Pachelbel; *Fugue in C*, D. Buxtehude

*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, Revd Dr Lance Stone.*

*The reader today is?????.*

*Officebearers on duty are Judi Haynes-Smart and Heleen Koning.*

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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 (led today by Alice Duah and Isabel Stout); please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School for ages 4-11 (led by Malou and Pam Genet and Nick Thomas), and the Junior Church (led by Annie Francis) 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 next Sunday.
  - **Midweek Fellowship this week: Ladies Fellowship** meets this Thursday evening, 28 January, from 6:30pm at the home of Sarah Wang. For more information see Sarah or contact Peggy Krol. The **Men's Group** meets this Friday night at 7.30 pm at the Café Luxembourg, the Spui. All welcome!
  - **Enquirers' Class:** Lance intends to run a series soon for anyone interested in church membership, baptism or in just as refresher course in the Christian faith. Please speak to Pastor Lance for information or if you are interested.
  - A **6-week study on PRAYER**, using dvd and other material by Philip Yancey, is running fortnightly at the manse on Wednesday evenings. For more information speak to Pastor Lance.
  - **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!
  - 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, or give it to Susan Polstra, or give it to one of the Consistory members on duty. The usual donation is €15. It is a nice way to mark an anniversary or remember a loved one!
  - **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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## 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.

## 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.....

Telephone..... Email Address.....