

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

September 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

## **Harvest Thanksgiving**



***Dives and Lazarus*** by Morag MacDougall

**Preparation:** *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*  
*Prelude: Variations on 'St. George's Windsor', F. Cunningham Woods*

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

You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

**The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.** *Psalm 65:11-13*

❖ **Hymn 233:**

*Come, ye thankful people come*

- ❖ **Prayer** (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**
- ❖ **First Lesson:** Luke 16:19-31 (New Testament, p.76)
- ❖ **Hymn 226:** *God, whose farm is all creation*
- ❖ **Second Lesson** 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (New Testament, p.208)
- ❖ **Music in Worship** *Canticle of Thanksgiving, Dale Wood*
- ❖ **Hymn 28:** *Thy mercy, Lord, is in the heavens*
- ❖ **Sermon: seeing Lazarus** *followed by Pause for Reflection*

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 240:** *God in such love for us lent us this planet*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Behold now, praise the Lord, Everett Titcomb*
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 806** followed by:  
 Gracious, generous God,  
 faithful as the seasons,  
 we give you thanks and praise  
 for all that you provide.  
**Accept these tokens of our gratitude  
 and use them and us to bear fruit  
 and to bring life to the world. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 229:** *We plough the fields and scatter*

## Dismissal with blessing *(followed by sung Amen)*



Postlude

*Nun danket alle Gott, J.S. Bach/Means*

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*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.  
 Please turn off your mobile phone during the service.*

# A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments and for our potluck Harvest lunch here in the church after the service.

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

*The reader is Ferry Haris.*

*Consistory members on duty are Thijs Glasz & Seppo Stout.*

## 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 for more information. **Sunday School** is held at the Church Hall, 282A Nieuwezijds Voorburgwaal (see map on back of this service sheet). Parents are asked to collect their children after the end of the service.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Midweek Fellowship:** Ladies' fellowship, Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Men's Fellowship,** Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> for an evening of bowling. Please sign up on the notice board or speak to Lance or Jaap Maas if you'd like to come.
- Pastor Lance is planning to run an **enquirers' course** for anyone interested in exploring the Christian faith, church membership, baptism or confirmation. Interested? Speak to Lance or sign up on the notice board.
- **Attention all 20-30s.** Starting next week all in the 20 – 30 age-group (roughly) are invited to go for lunch somewhere on the first Sunday of the month after the service. It will be announced next week.
- We need more people to help on **the coffee rota**. This is a vital ministry. Please take a turn and sign up on the notice board.
- Any artists in the congregation like to contribute a picture for the cover of our service sheet? Speak to Lance.
- **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: [tomacwork@hotmail.com](mailto:tomacwork@hotmail.com)
- 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!
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of [www.ercadam.nl](http://www.ercadam.nl).

## 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. The passage we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> : Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; Luke 17:5-10; **1 Timothy 1:1-14**.

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> : Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; **Luke 17:11-19**; 2 Timothy 2:8-15.

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> : **Genesis 32:22-31**; Psalm 121; Luke 18:1-8; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> : Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; **Luke 18:9-14**; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

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