

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

September 4th 2016

Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude *Communion, César Franck*

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The God of heaven has made a home on earth;
Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
The highest in all creation lives among the least;
**Christ journeys with the rejected
and welcomes the weary.**
Come now all who hunger
and be fed with the bread of life.
Come now all who wander in the wilderness
and be led by God your liberator.
Come now all who seek
and be filled with good things.

- ❖ **Hymn 128:** *How shall I sing that majesty*
- ❖ **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

- ❖ **Presentation to the Sunday School and Junior Church
and introduction to today's Scripture theme**
- ❖ **First Lesson** Philemon 1-21 (New Testament, p.214)
- ❖ **Music in worship** *Now beseech we, D. Buxtehude*
- ❖ **Second Lesson** Luke 14:25-27 (New Testament, p.74)
- ❖ **Hymn 611:** *Holy Spirit, fill our hearts*
- ❖ **Sermon: seeing 'as'** *followed by Pause for Reflection*



**English Reformed
Church Amsterdam**

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

Response to God's Word

Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of e-ter-nal life. _____



- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
 - ❖ Offering and Dedication *Vater unser, J.S.Bach*
 - ❖ Hymn 657: *Father most loving, listen to your children*
 - ❖ Confession of faith, Hymn 628: *I believe in God the Father Almighty*
 - ❖ The Sharing of the Peace
 - ❖ The Invitation and the story of the Last Supper
 - ❖ Prayer of Thanksgiving:
The Lord be with you and also with you
Lift up your hearts we life them up to the Lord
Let us give thanks It is right to give
to the Lord our God 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
... your body on earth, loving and caring in the world...
**Behold the lamb of God, behold the lamb of God,
who takes away the sin, the sin of the world.**
 - ❖ Sharing of bread and wine *prelude on "Converse", Mark Jones*
Note that alcohol-free wine is available and will be circulated by an elder
 - ❖ Prayer
 - ❖ Hymn 113: *God the Father of Creation*

Dismissal with blessing (followed by sung Amen)

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in e-minor, J.S. Bach*

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

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
Our lay assistant Veronica Garcia Robles is reading the Scriptures
and also leading prayers of intercession.*

Consistory members on duty are Laura Elliott and Giles Francis.



A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments in the church after the service.

Please turn off your mobile phones during the service.

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. This is a Family Service, so Sunday School recommences next week.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Ecumenical visit to the Hague**, Next Thursday Sept. 8th. Join the other churches of the Spui (Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Mennonites) for a day outing to the Hague to visit the International Court, Panorama van Mesdag, Spinoza house and the Mennonite church. Lunch included. Please sign up on the notice board or give your name to Pastor Lance.
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of www.ercadam.nl.
- The **Coffee Morning** is this Wednesday, 6 September, at the home of Janet Dönszelmann in Amstelveen. See Pastor Lance for more information.
- **Midweek Fellowship House Group** begins again this Wed, Sept 7th. We are going to be watching and discussing the recent TV series, The Story of God, presented by Morgan Freeman, using this to consider the Christian faith in relation to other religions. It will be held at the home of Ingrid and Jens Sorensen Zimmerman: Quellijnstraat 126-A. All welcome!
- Pastor Lance is planning to run an **enquirers' course** for anyone interested in exploring the Christian faith, church membership, baptism or confirmation. Speak to Lance or sign up on the notice board if you might be interested.
- Copies of the latest Mulanje Mission Hospital Newsletter **are available at the entrance to the church and on the notice board**.
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church is committed to cooking lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. Interested? Please contact Gillian Walker at 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!

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.

Sept 11th : Jeremiah 4:11-22,22-28; Psalm14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; **Luke 15:1-10**.

Sept 18th : **Amos 8:1-7**; Psalm 79:1-9; Luke 16:1-13; 1 Timothy 2:1-7.

Sept 25th : Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15; Psalm 91:1-6,14-16; Luke 16:19-31; 1 Timothy 6:6-19.

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Our Congregation

Founded in 1607 to serve the English speaking population of Amsterdam, we welcome worshippers from all over the world. Within the Reformed Tradition, we are part of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Protestant Church of the Netherlands.

Our congregation relies on support through the gifts of time, talent and finance. We aim to be financially self-supporting and generous in outreach and mission.

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