

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

November 27<sup>th</sup> 2016



## **Preparation:**

*Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*  
*Prelude: "Sleepers, awake!", 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**

❖ **Hymn 282** (chorus and v.1):

*'Christmas is coming!'*

❖ **First Lesson**

Isaiah 2:1-5 (Old Testament, p.641)

❖ **Music in worship:**

*The race that long in darkness pined,*  
from *Kentucky Harmony*, arr. Richard Peek

❖ **Second Lesson:**

Romans 13:11-14 (New Testament, p.158)

❖ **Hymn:**

1. How good it is, what pleasure comes,  
when people live as one.

When peace and justice light the way  
the will of God is done.

2. True friendship then like fragrant oil  
surrounds us with delight;  
and blessings shine like morning dew  
upon the mountain height.

3. How good it is when walls of fear  
come tumbling to the ground.

When arms are changed to farming tools  
the fruits of life abound.

4. When quiet joy can bloom and grow  
when people work for peace,  
when hands and voices join as one  
that hate and war may cease.

*Words by Ruth Duck*

❖ **Sermon** *Tell them about the dream* followed by pause for reflection

## Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 710:**

*'I have a dream', a man once said*

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Offering**

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*, M. Praetorius

❖ **Dedication: Hymn no.808, followed by:**

Gracious God,

We praise you for every blessing.

**Grant that all your gifts might be used**

**for peace and not war,**

**for life and not death,**

**and fullness fo life for all.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

❖ **Hymn 456:**

*Christ is the world's true light*

## Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)



Postlude:

*O Savior, open wide the heavens*, Ernst Pepping

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

*Please turn off your mobile phones*

# A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Revd Dr Lance Stone. The reader is Thijs Glasz. Prayers of intercession are led by Judi Haynes-Smart. Consistory members on duty are Judi Haynes-Smart & Sarah Wang.*

## 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 - Wednesday Nov 30<sup>th</sup>** will be a service of prayers for healing in the style of the Iona Community. 7:30pm in our church.
- Get involved with the annual **Mulanje Mission fundraising event:** Thurs Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 pm, **Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'**! See attached insert. Please think how you might contribute to a successful evening.
- **Children's Christmas Party** on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 3.00 – 5.0 pm. Any volunteers to provide some food? Please speak to Veronica, our lay assistant.
- Interested in **outreach to refugees**? Contact Gillian Walker on [gillian.walker@tele2.nl](mailto:gillian.walker@tele2.nl).
- **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](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl)
- The **International Federation for Family Development** is devoted to the enrichment of family and married life, including support for parenting. They would be willing run workshops for us on these topics if there is interest in our church. Please speak to Lance if you would like more information.
- 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.
- 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.

- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> : **Isaiah 11:1-10**; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Matthew 3:1-12; Romans 15:4-13.  
Dec 11<sup>th</sup> : Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; **Luke 2:1-14**; James 5:7-10.  
Dec 18<sup>th</sup> : Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; **Matthew 1:18-25**; James 5:7-10.

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