

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

December 18th 2016

4th Sunday in Advent



Morag MacDougall

An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream

Preparation:

*Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am
Prelude: Sheep may safely graze, J.S. Bach*

Call to Worship and Approach to God

God of mystery

God of blessing

God is here with us

God in Jesus

God named Emmanuel

God is here with us

Beside us, beneath us,

Behind us, before us,

Emmanuel!

Around us, amongst us

About us, ahead of us,

Emmanuel!

❖ **Hymn 290:**

The race that long in darkness pined

- ❖ **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, verses 1 & 2, +

The third is for the angels, who told of a king's birth; as poor lowly shepherds heard heaven's song on earth.	The fourth is lit for Joseph, who heard the angel tell of one born to Mary, his name Emmanuel.
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- ❖ **Lesson:** Matthew 1:18-25 (New Testament, p.1)
- ❖ **Music in worship** *Winter carol, Sherri Porterfield*
Margaret Anne Richards, mezzo-soprano
Giles Francis, violin
- ❖ **Lesson:** Isaiah 7:10-16 (Old Testament, p.646)
- ❖ **Hymn 318:** *Lord, you were rich beyond compare*
- ❖ **Sermon** *Joseph's story followed by moment of silence*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 472** *Come, thou long expected Jesus*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Lullaby, Frederick Keel*
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn no.305, v.5, followed by:**
 Gracious God,
 as Joseph played his part
 in your plan of salvation for the world,
**so we offer you these gifts,
 and ourselves,
 that we may be used by you
 in bringing new life to the world. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 278:** *Wake, awake! for night is flying*

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

Postlude: Let us all be joyful, Healey Willan

*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 Walter Heinmann.

Consistory members on duty are Thijs Glasz & Thorsten König.

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.**

Christmas services and activities.

This afternoon at 15.00 at Krijtberg Roman Catholic Church on the Singel: Ecumenical carol service with churches on and around the Spui.

Saturday Dec 24th , 22.30: Christmas Eve service; doors open at 22.00!

Sunday Dec 25th , 10.30: Christmas morning family service.

- Interested in **outreach to refugees**? Contact Gillian Walker on 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
- 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.

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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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