

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

January 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

## **The Baptism of Jesus**



***‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’***

### **Preparation:**

*Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*

*Prelude: Fantasie in C, J.S. Bach*

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

Mountains and rivers

Islands and ocean

**Give God glory**

Children and lovers

Rulers and nations

**Give God glory**

All who live,

All who breathe

**Give God glory**

Living God

Glorious God

**Baptise us with wonder**

Wise God

Righteous God

**Baptise us with justice**

Holy God

Covenant God

**Baptise us with love**

### **❖ Hymn 201:**

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*

- ❖ **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**
- ❖ **Lesson:** Matthew 3:13-17 (New Testament, p.3)
- ❖ **Hymn 335:** *Out of the flowing river*
- ❖ **Lesson:** Isaiah 42:1-9 (Old Testament, p.680)
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *To us has come our savior, Joh. Kirnberger*
- ❖ **Hymn 283:** *The voice of God goes out to all the world*
- ❖ **Sermon** *followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 551:** *In heavenly love abiding*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *In thee, Lord, have I hoped, Marcel Dupré*
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 813 followed by:**  
Gracious God,  
all good gifts come from you  
and from your abiding love  
that seeks our wellbeing.  
**Take and use these gifts and us  
to proclaim your love  
to all the world. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 334:** *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

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



**Postlude:** *Aus mein Herzens Grunde, Joh. Gottfried Walther*

*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, Rev Dr Lance Stone.  
The reader is Judi Haynes-Smart; the prayers of intercession are led  
by Nick Thomas.*

*Consistory members on duty are Thorsten König & Peggy Krol.*

## 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 Voorburgwal (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 this week:** joint Taizé service with the Roman Catholic Begijnhofkapel, in the ERC on Wednesday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm
- Coming soon – **Burns Supper** on **Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. Cost €10, venue to be confirmed. Please sign up on the notice board or give your name to Lance or Thijs Glasz if you would like to come. Celebrate Scotland's national poet whatever your nationality, and why not bring a song or a poem or a reading to share?
- **Outreach Mission for Refugees:** Churches in Amsterdam have joined forces to support refugees. Football matches are being organized! A way of exercising AND providing refugees with the opportunity of meeting local people and making friends. If you fancy joining in – striker, goalie or maybe even the ref(!), just let me know. Gillian (Gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com)
- **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 or passages we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

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

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> : Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; **John 1:29-42**; 11 Corinthians 1:1-9.

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> : Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1,4-9; **Matthew 4:12-23**; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18.

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> : Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; **Matthew 5:1-12**; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.

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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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