

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

December 10th 2017

2nd Sunday in Advent, with NATIVITY PLAY



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

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Psalm 85:9-11

❖ **Hymn 283:** *The voice of God goes out to all the world*

❖ **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 talk and lighting of advent candle**

❖ **Hymn 282 (v.1,2):**

Christmas is coming!

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

If you are new you might like to visit our **Welcome Desk**.

All are invited to join in Carol Singing out on the Spui after the service, at 12 noon.

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.
- **Sunday School** meets at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents are asked to collect their children after the service. There is no Junior Church meeting today.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- This evening: **Prepare Your Hearts For Christmas: Advent Bible Study** with a difference led by Elizabeth Cavert Morrison, connecting the Bible to your experience, your culture, your life. 7:30pm at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. All welcome.
- **Consistory (elders) meeting** is on Monday at 7:30pm. This is an open meeting. Minutes of last meeting are on the notice board.

Christmas services & activities:

Friday Dec 15th, 8:00pm: **Carols by Candlelight**;

Sunday Dec 17th 10:30am, **morning worship** as usual;

4:00pm, **ecumenical multilingual advent service** with other churches on the Spui, at the Mennonite Church, Singel 452, and featuring our choir.

Sunday Dec 24th 10:30am, morning worship as usual;

10:30pm: Christmas Eve service;

Monday Dec 25th, 10:30am, Christmas Day Family service.

- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- Interested in joining a **WhatsApp Bible reading group**, reading through Mark's Gospel? Especially (though not exclusively) aimed at Christians who are young in the faith and keen to learn. Speak 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.

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 17th: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126; **John1:6-8,19-28**; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Dec 24th: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Luke 1:47-55; **Luke 1:26-38**; Romans 16:25-27

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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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