

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

June 24<sup>th</sup> 2018



*David and Goliath (by Caravaggio)*

*Prelude: Ciacona in D, J. Pachelbel*

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

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.

**And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

*Psalm 9:9-10*

- ❖ **Hymn 172:** *Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation*
- ❖ **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**

- ❖ **Baptism of Enzo Vieira de Almeida**
- ❖ **Hymn 577:** *Christ be beside you*
- ❖ **Lesson:** 1 Samuel 17:32-49 (Old Testament, p.269)
- ❖ **Music in worship** *Largo in Bb, A. Vivaldi*  
*Fred Edelen, cello*
- ❖ **Lesson:** Mark 4:35-41 (New Testament, p.37)
- ❖ **Hymn 6 (Psalm 9):** *God shall endure for aye*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *David's secret* followed by pause for reflection

## **Response to God's Word**

- ❖ **Hymn 535:** *Who would true valour see*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Fantasie in Eb, J. Pachelbel*
- ❖ **Dedication; Hymn 808, followed by:**  
Generous God,  
giver of all good gifts,  
we give thanks for all your blessings.  
**We bring to you**  
**our offerings and our lives**  
**to be used in your service. Amen.**
- ❖ **In memory** of Barima Yaw Owusu Sekyere
- ❖ **Hymn 454:** *A safe stronghold our God is still*
- ❖ **Sending out with blessing** (*followed by sung Amen*)

*Postlude: Toccata, Flor Peters*

*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.  
Please turn off your mobile phones.*

*A special welcome to family and friends of Enzo, son of Paula and Erwin Vieira de Almeida who is being baptised this morning.  
A special welcome also to family and friends of our elder Baafi Owusu Sekyere who commemorate the life of Barima Yaw Owusu Sekyere, Baafi's father and father-in-law of Nancy, at the end of our service.*

*Our service is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. The Scripture is read today by Peggy Krol and prayers of intercession are led by Gillian Walker. Consistory members on duty are Thijs Glasz and Nick Thomas.*

# 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**.

## Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- We welcome **Christina Edelen** as our guest organist today.
- 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.
- **Prayer:** Someone (*Sarah Wang*) is available after the service in the chancel for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Midweek Fellowship:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm, **Ladies' Fellowship** meet at the home of Maeve Quigley. Further details from Peggy Krol, our reader this morning.

Coming soon: **Church Picnic** on Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> after the service. Venue: the Wereldhuis, Nieuwe Herengracht 18, 1018 DP Amsterdam, a 20 minute walk from the church.

- Anyone with a car or access to one interested in helping with the **Food Run**, a means of getting just-past-its-sell-by-date food to needy people? This would be part of a rota currently involving you about once per month. Contact Joe on [joehennes@yahoo.com](mailto:joehennes@yahoo.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).
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com).
- 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. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
- There is a **Flower List** hanging in the Consistory room if you would like to sign up to sponsor the flowers on a certain Sunday. Donations can be given to Susan Polstra or to one of the members of Consistory.
- 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. You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

July 1<sup>st</sup>: 2 Samuel 1:1,17-27; Psalm130; Mark 5:21-43; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15.

July 8<sup>th</sup>: 2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10; Psalm 48; Mark 6:1—13; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10.

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