

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

September 9th 2018



Preparation (from 10 am) Silent Prayer (20 mins, front right of church)

Prelude: Cantilena, Josef Rheinberger

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
**so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time on and forevermore.**

Psalm 125;1,2

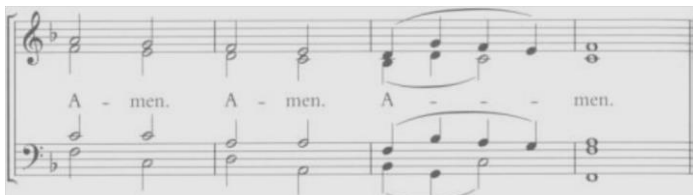
- ❖ **Hymn 135:** *O laughing Light, O first-born of creation*
- ❖ **Prayer of approach** (ending with the Lord's Prayer)
(please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)
Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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.
- ❖ **Sunday School & Junior Church focus:** gifts for our youth and prayers for our leaders
- ❖ **Baptism** of Clarissa Emma Putri Tindaon, daughter of Ferry and Pratiwi, and sister of Martin

The word of God

- ❖ Hymn 577: *Christ be beside you*
- ❖ Lesson: Mark 7:24-37 (New Testament, p.41)
- ❖ Music in worship: *Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love*, G.F. McKay
- ❖ Lesson: James 2:1-9 (New Testament, p.226)
- ❖ Hymn 69: *Just as a father shows his love*
- ❖ Sermon: *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 608: *Spirit of truth and grace*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*, Ippolitof-Ivanof
- ❖ Dedication; Hymn 810, followed by:
Gracious God,
you pour out grace and blessing
upon your children.
**Take us as your family,
young and old,
and use us and these our offerings
to show your love to the world. Amen**
- ❖ Hymn 252 (tune: *Abbot's Leigh*) *As a fire is meant for burning*
- ❖ **Sending out with blessing** (followed by sung Amen)



Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in F-major*, J.S. Bach

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

*Our service this morning is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
The Scripture lessons are read by Dorothy McMillan, who also leads
our prayers of intercession.
Consistory members on duty are Laura Verhaaf and Mattia Falcone.*

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 friends and family of **Pratiwi and Ferry Haris**, who bring their daughter Claire for baptism 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:** If anyone feels in particular need of prayer today, someone (*Sarah Wang*) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with them.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this Wednesday, Sept. 13th, 19.30 pm here at our church: joint meditative worship with the Begijnhofkapel across the yard, in the style of the Taizé community in France. All welcome!
- **This Thursday:** Sept 13th - Kerkenpad day-trip to Antwerp with the Roman Catholic, Mennonite and Lutheran Churches around the Spui. Visit historic churches and learn about the Jesuits in Antwerp. Leaving 8.30 hrs from Stadhouderskade, cost €50. See leaflets at the entrance to the church. Please tell Pastor Lance if you wish to go.
- Coming soon: **Harvest Thanksgiving pot-luck lunch** after our morning worship on Sept 30th. Food contributions welcome. See sign-up sheet on notice board.
- Coming soon: **The Meeting of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery** of which we are a part will take place here on the weekend of October 11-14. Details to follow.
- 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? Contact Joe on 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.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- 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.

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

Passages we will be focussing on in the service are in **bold type**.

Sept 16th: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; Mark 8:27-38; **James 3:1-12**.

Sept 23rd: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; Mark 9:30-37; **James 3:13-4:3,7-8a**.

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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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