

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

November 18th 2018



Hannah, by Marc Chagall

Preparation: *Silent prayer, 10.00 am, 20 mins, front right of church*

Prelude: Andantino, César Franck

Call to Worship and Approach to God

My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.

**My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.**

There is no Holy One like the LORD,
no one besides you;

there is no Rock like our God. *1 Samuel 2:1-2*

❖ **Hymn 210:** *Awake, my soul, and with the sun*

❖ **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 Lucas Noah Gijsbert, son of Gijs Nieuwenhuis & Nausica Hexan, and brother of Brises.

❖ **Hymn 577:** *Christ be beside you*

❖ **Lesson:** 1 Samuel 1:4-20 (Old Testament p.252)

❖ **Music in worship:** *He Shall Be Like a Tree*, Blanche Bowling
Margaret Richards, contralto

❖ **Lesson:** Romans 8:18-27 (New Testament, p.154)

❖ **Hymn 9** (Psalm 16): *O God, my refuge, keep me safe*

❖ **Sermon:** *Hannah's Prayer* *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 593:** *She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters*

❖ Prayers of Intercession

❖ **Offering** *My Eyes Will I to the Hills Lift Up*, Antonin Dvořák

❖ **Dedication: Hymn 809** followed by:

Gracious God,
you are giver who brings life
and abundance:
**accept these our gifts,
and with them ourselves,
as we offer them in the service
of your kingdom.**

❖ **Hymn 617:** *Great and deep the Spirit's purpose*

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

Postlude: *Voluntary in B-flat*, Maurice Greene

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

Our service is led this morning by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. Scripture reader is Walter Heimann; prayers of intercession are led by Giles Francis. Consistory members on duty are Judi Haynes-Smart and Heleen Koning.

A very warm WELCOME to all!

*A special welcome to family and friends of Lucas
who is being baptised today.*

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.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- **Sunday School** and **Junior Church** meet 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, Margaret Richards will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with them.
- Last weeks' poppy appeal collection on behalf of the **Royal British Legion** raised €216.86. Thank you for all your donations!
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week on Wednesday at 19.30 hrs: **Bible Study** at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat; continuing our series on the Book of Daniel, looking at chapter 7.
- **COMING SOON**: our **annual concert in aid of the Mulanje Mission Hospital** in Malawi: Thursday Nov 29th at 19.30 hrs. An evening of classical music, including Tchaikovsky and Mendelssohn. Tickets (€25) available through the website or from Ingrid Zimmerman-Sorenson, or from Astrid or Thorsten Konig this morning.
- Coming soon: **Christmas Carol singing** on the Spui after the service on Advent Sunday, Dec 2nd. Come and join us!
- **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.

Nov 25th : 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-18; John 18:33-37; **Revelation 1:4b-8**

Dec 2nd : Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; Luke 21:25-36; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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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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