

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

December 16th 2018



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

Prelude:

Call to Worship and Approach to God

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to the LORD,

call on his name;

make known his deeds among the nations;

proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

Isaiah 12:3-5

❖ **Hymn 64:** *Sing all creation, sing to God in gladness*

❖ **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

- ❖ Hymn 282, v.1-3: *Christmas is coming!*
- ❖ Children, choir *The snow lay on the ground*
- ❖ Nativity Play
- ❖ Children, choir: *Away in a manger*
- ❖ Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (Old Testament p.891)
- ❖ Hymn 65: *Jubilate, everybody!*
- ❖ Sermon

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 359: *He came down that we might have love*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering
- ❖ Dedication: Hymn 305, v.5, followed by
Fill our hearts with gratitude we pray
for all your good gifts;
**and use them and us
in the service of your kingdom
of justice, peace and joy. Amen.**
- ❖ Hymn 103 (Psalm 147): *Fill your hearts with joy and gladness*

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

Postlude:

*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, Revd Dr Lance Stone.
Scripture reader is Amy Poon; prayers of intercession are led by Judi
Haynes Smart.*

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.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- There is no **Sunday School** and **Junior Church** today as this is an all-age service.
- **Prayer:** If anyone feels in particular **need of prayer** today, an elder will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with them.
- There is no **Midweek Fellowship** this week, but see Christmas programme below:

Christmas services and events:

Today, Dec 16th, 10.30 hrs: 16.00 hrs: Ecumenical multilingual Carol service for churches on the Spui, in the Singelkerk.
Mon Dec 24th, 17.30 hrs: early Christmas Eve Carol service
“ “ 25th, 22.30 hrs: Christmas Eve service
Tues Dec 25th, 10.30 hrs: Christmas Day all-age service

- **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.

Dec 23rd: Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Luke 1:39-45; Hebrews 10:5-10.

Dec 30th: 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Psalm 148; Luke:41-52; Colossians 3:12-17

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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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