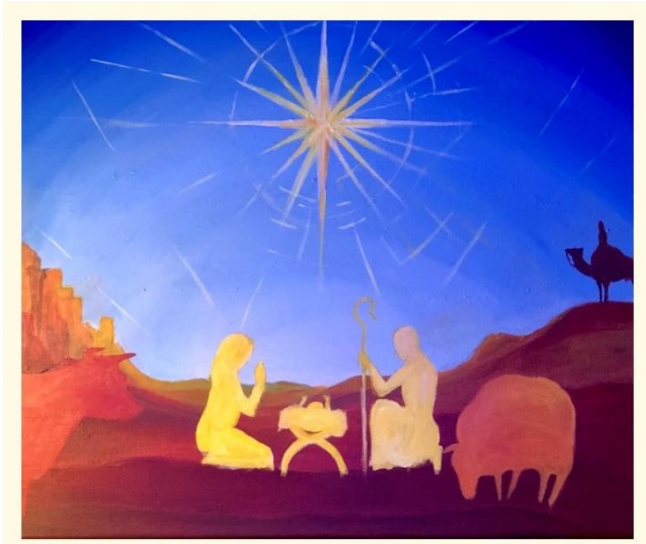


“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

December 25th 2018

Christmas Day



Prelude: Variaties over een Frans kerstlied, Bernard Smilde

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Jesus Christ is born today

Alleluia! The Saviour has come!

Immanuel, God with us, God is for us

Alleluia! God in the manger, God in the flesh!

❖ **Hymn 301:** *Hark! the herald angels sing*

❖ **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.

- ❖ **Lighting of Advent candles and Hymn 282:** *Christmas is coming!*

The Word of God

- ❖ **Reading: Luke 2: 8-20**
- ❖ **Ruben's long day and the night in the stable (i):** *A lost shepherd*
- ❖ **Hymn 324, verse 1, 2, & chorus:** *Angels from the realms of glory*
- ❖ **Ruben's long day and the night in the stable (ii):** *A sad angel*
- ❖ **Hymn, verse 3,4, & chorus:** *Wise men leave your contemplations*
- ❖ **Ruben's long day and the night in the stable (iii):** *At the manger*
- ❖ **Hymn, verse 5 & chorus:** *All creation, join in praising*
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *In dulci júbilo, Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Hymn 313:** *See! In yonder manger low*
- ❖ **Meditation**

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 322:** *Good Christians, all rejoice*
- ❖ **Offering** *O Hail this Brightest Day of Days, J.S. Bach*
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 305, v.5** followed by
 O God, we praise you for the gift of Jesus,
 Emmanuel, God with us.
**Accept our offerings of thanksgiving
 and help us to respond in gratitude. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 306:** *O come, all ye faithful*

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

Postlude: *In dulci júbilo, J.S. Bach*

Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.

Please turn off your mobile phones.

Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. The reader is Euan Stone. Prayers of intercession are led by Baafi Owusu Sekyere. Consistory members on duty are Ingrid Sørensen & Pamela Woolley.

A very warm WELCOME and a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all!

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- This is an all-age service so there is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church**.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- Please note that we need some more **volunteers to go on the creche rota**. Might this be something that you could do?
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- There is no midweek Fellowship this week. Fortnightly **Bible Study** resumes on Wednesday Jan 16th at 19.30 hrs, at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat when we will be starting a study of the Book of Revelation.
- **Men's Group:** calling all men in the church – we are planning on going for lunch after the service on Sunday January 30th. Come along! Please notify Lance or Jens Wejsmark Sørensen if you plan to come. It will be helpful to know numbers.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.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.
- 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 30th : 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Psalm 148; **Luke 2:41-52**; Colossians 3:12-17
Jan 6th : Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; **Matthew 3:1-12**; Ephesians 3:1-12

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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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