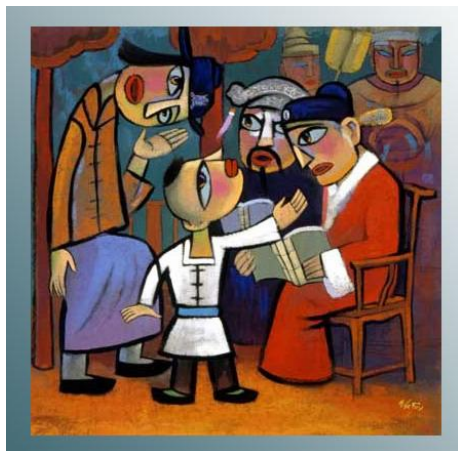


“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

December 30th 2018



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

Prelude: Pastorale, Domenico Zipoli

Call to Worship and Approach to God

**A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.**

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 11:1-3a

❖ **Hymn 320:** *Joy to the world, the Lord is come!*

❖ **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

❖ Lesson: Luke 2:41-52 (New Testament, p.57)

❖ Hymn 316: *Love came down at Christmas*

❖ Music in worship *Dans une douce joie* (In dulci júbilo), Jean Langlais

❖ Lesson: Hebrews 5:7-10 (New Testament p.217)

❖ Hymn 319 (*rhythm: plainchant*) *Of the Father's love begotten*

❖ Sermon: *He increased in wisdom* followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

❖ Hymn 317: *Before the world began*

❖ Prayers of Intercession

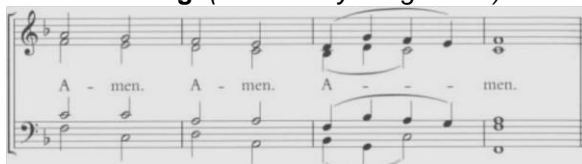
❖ Offering *The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away*, J.S. Bach

❖ Dedication: Hymn 305, v.5, followed by

In gratitude to you,
who has given us blessing beyond measure,
withholding not even your own son:
we offer these gifts, and ourselves,
in the service of Emmanuel,
God with us,
to whom be glory and praise forever. Amen.

❖ Hymn 318: *Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour*

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



Postlude: *In Thee is Gladness*, J.S. Bach

*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 Ingrid Sørensen; prayers of intercession are led by
Jens Sørensen. Consistory members on duty are Thijs Glasz and Gillian
Walker.*

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.
- Please note that we need more volunteers to help with **the creche rota**. Is this something you might be able to help with? Please speak to Pastor Lance or Nancy Owusu Sekyere.
- **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, an elder will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with them.
- Please note that in the New Year Pastor Lance is planning another **'Exploring the Faith'** course. This might be of interest to anyone considering Church membership, baptism, confirmation, or anyone who would just like a refresher course in the Bible and the Christian faith. Interested? Speak to Pastor Lance.
- **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.

Jan 6th : Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Matthew 2:1-1-2; **Ephesians 3:1-12**.

Jan 13th : **Isaiah 43:1-7**; Psalm 29; Luke 3:15-17,21-22; Acts 8:14-17.

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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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Hospital (www.mmh.mw) Volunteering

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