

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

January 6th 2019

Preparation:

Prelude: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star, D. Buxtehude

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Wise God
You are older than the ages
And you dance in the starlight
And you love us

Wise God
you share your bread with strangers
and you welcome little children
And you understand us

Wise God
You wrestle with the powerful
And you comfort all who need you
And you disturb us

Wise God,
Shining in the darkness
Found by those who seek for you
We are here to learn from you

❖ **Hymn 326: *As with gladness, men of old***

❖ **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**

❖ **Hymn 481: *Jesus is the name we honour***

❖ **Lesson:** Isaiah 60:1-6 (Old Testament, p.700)

❖ **Music in worship:** *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star,*
Johann Pachelbel

❖ **Lesson:** Ephesians 3:1-12 (New Testament, p.190)

❖ **Hymn 547: *What a friend we have in Jesus***

❖ **Sermon** *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

❖ Hymn :

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.



❖ Prayers of intercession

❖ **Offering and dedication** *We Christians Now Have Joy*, J.S. Bach

❖ **Hymn 392: *When I survey the wondrous cross***

❖ **Confession of faith, Hymn 628: *I believe in God the Father Almighty***

❖ **The Peace, Invitation and the story of the Last Supper**

❖ **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

<i>The Lord be with you</i>	and also with you
<i>Lift up your hearts</i>	we lift them up to the Lord
<i>Let us give thanks</i>	It is right to give
<i>to the Lord our God</i>	our thanks and praise

... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join in singing...

Hymn 651: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might*

❖ **Prayer of Consecration**

❖ **Sharing of bread and wine** *Noël Languedocien*, Alexandre Guilmant

Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.

❖ **Prayer**

❖ **Hymn 324: *Angels from the realms of glory***

Sending out with blessing

*Postlude: *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*, attrib. J.S. Bach*

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

*Our service is led this morning by a member of our church, Rev Eric Foggitt, a Church of Scotland Minister. Scripture reader is Greg Morrison. This is an **all-age Communion service**. All those who are baptised and those who look to Jesus as Saviour are welcome to partake. Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone and Thijs Glasz.*

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.
- As this is an all-age Communion service there is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church** this morning.
- **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.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this Wednesday, Jan 9th, 19.30 hrs, **Taizé** service at the Begijnhofkapel, our Roman Catholic neighbours across the yard. All welcome.
- Please note that Pastor Lance is planning another '**Exploring the Faith**' course, to run shortly. This is a 4 week course giving an overview of the Bible, the story it tells. and how we fit into it. This might be of interest to anyone considering Church membership, baptism, confirmation, or anyone who would like a refresher course in the Bible and the Christian faith. Interested? Speak to Pastor Lance.
- **Coming soon**: to celebrate Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, there will be an **evening of poetry and song** at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, 19.30 hrs, on Saturday January 26th. Traditional 'Burns Supper' dessert will be served. Come along and bring a poem or song, perhaps from your country, or just come anyway. Please let Pastor Lance or Sally Stone know if you are coming or sign up on the notice board.
- **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 13th: **Isaiah 43:1-7**; Psalm 29; Luke 3:15-17,21-22; Acts 8:14-17.

Jan 20th: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; John 2:1-11; **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**.

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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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