

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

January 13th 2019



Preparation: *Silent prayer, 10.00 am, 20 mins, front right of church*
Prelude: On you alone, Lord Jesus Christ, my hope depends,
J. Pachelbel

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendour.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters. *Psalm 29:1-4*

❖ **Hymn 474:** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

❖ **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
- ❖ Baptisms: Rosa Elisabeth, daughter of Hilde & James Lawrie-Neels;
Eamon O' Keefe and Cheryl van Coblijn;
Admission to Church membership by profession of faith:
Annette Kouwenhoven and Tineke Pietersz;
Admission to Church membership by transfer from other churches:
Marja & Nick Anderton and Eric Foggitt
- ❖ Hymn 577: *Christ be beside you*
- ❖ Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7 (Old Testament, p.682)
- ❖ Music in worship *If thou but allow God to guide thee, J.S. Bach*
- ❖ Lesson: Luke 3:15-17,21-22 (New Testament p.57)
- ❖ Hymn 636: *Baptized in water*
- ❖ Sermon: *Baptismal love* followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 191: *Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering *Meditation*, Flor Peeters
- ❖ Dedication: Hymn 809, followed by
Loving God,
In gratitude we offer you these gifts:
**with them we offer
the praise of our lips,
the gratitude of our hearts,
and the service of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- ❖ Hymn 484: *Great God, your love has called us here*

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

Postlude: *Aus meines Herzens Grunde*, J.G. Walther

*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 Laura Verhaaf; prayers of intercession are led by Janet
Donszelmann. Consistory members on duty are Laura Verhaaf and 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.
- 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 please collect your 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.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: **Bible Study**, Wednesday 16th, 19.30 hrs at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. Beginning a series on the Book of Revelation.
- **Refugee Support.** A group from this church is going to support the Bethel church in the Hague, who are sheltering an Armenian family, by participating in overnight worship. If you'd like to join us next Saturday, Jan 19th early morning from 1 am to 8 am speak to either Pastor Lance or Gillian Walker.
- Next week **the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins. There will be a service here next Saturday, January 19th, at 17.00 hrs with the other three churches on the Spui and Singel. All welcome!
- **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.
- Please note that Pastor Lance is planning an '**Exploring the Faith**' course, commencing soon. 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.
- 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 20th : Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; John 2:1-11; **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Jan 27th : Nehemiah 8:1-10; Psalm 19; **Luke 4:14-21**; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a.

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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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