

Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

December 8th 2019



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

*Prelude: Two settings of To Us Has Come the Savior,
D. Buxtehude and anon*

Call to Worship and Approach to God

God, endow the king with your own justice,
his royal person with your righteousness,
**that he may govern your people rightly
and deal justly with your oppressed ones.**

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
Who alone does marvellous things;

**Blessed be his glorious name for ever;
May his glory fill the whole earth forever.**

Amen and Amen.

From Psalm 72: 1-2, 14-15

❖ **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,**
with lighting of Advent candles and hymn 282 (v.1-2)
- ❖ **Baptisms** of Emad Abdi, Ebrahim Afrasiabimassal, Susan Davis
- ❖ **Hymn 597:** *Loving Spirit, loving Spirit*
Followed by **Hymn 577:** *Christ be beside you*
- ❖ **Holy Scripture:** Matthew 3:1-12 (New Testament p.2)
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *"Rejoice Greatly"* from *Messiah*, G.F. Handel
Persephone Abbott, soprano
- ❖ **Holy Scripture:** Isaiah 11:1-10 (Old Testament, p.650)
- ❖ **Hymn 334:** *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*
- ❖ **Sermon: fertile ground for baptism** Followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 509:** *Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering*** *Christmas Carol of the Birds*, C. Chaminade
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 810** followed by:
Gracious God,
you call us into your family,
the church,
the body of Christ.
**Use us and these our offerings, we pray,
that your church might bring life
and hope to the world
and be the herald of your kingdom. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 235:** *God is working his purpose out*

Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)

Postlude: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come, J.S. Bach

*** Please note that there is a card donation point at the exit of the church.**

*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 Jolmer Gerritse; prayers of intercession are led by
Elisabeth IJmker.
Consistory members on duty are Thorsten König and Gillian Walker.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for **refreshments** after the service.

Coffee time this week features Advent music from some of our church musicians.

If you regularly remain for coffee you might consider bringing your own coffee cup with you to cut down on waste. Please take it home with you and wash it there.

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.
- **Sunday School, Junior Church** meet at 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents please collect your children after the service.
- **Prayer:** anyone in **need of prayer** today, someone (Veronica Garcia Robles) will be available after the service in the chancel (behind the communion table).

This week's activities:

- **Monday, 14.00-16.00 hrs** here at the church: **Angel Yarnbomb Knit-In** – a Christmas outreach project. For more info please ask: Sally Stone: sallyannstone7@gmail.com, Gillian Walker, gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- **Tuesday, 8.45 hrs** here at the church: **Psalms and Prayers** (30 mins approx.). You are welcome to come for all or part, perhaps before work.
- **Midweek Fellowship is suspended during December.**

Coming soon:

Advent and Christmas Services and Activities

Friday Dec 13th, 20.00 hrs: Carols by Candlelight with choir

Saturday Dec 14th, 15.00 hrs: Sunday School Christmas Party

Sunday Dec 15th, 16.00 hrs: Ecumenical Advent service at the Mennonite Church, The Singel, with our choir

Sunday Dec 22nd, 10.30 hrs: Morning worship with ordination of new elders, followed by carol singing and angels on the Spui

Tuesday Dec 24th, 17.30 hrs: All-age Christmas Eve service

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Wednesday Dec 25th, 10.30 hrs: All-age Christmas morning worship

Other:

- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church cooks lunch at this homeless shelter once per month. Interested in helping? Information at the Welcome Desk.
- Car-owners: could you help with the **Food Run?** Volunteers needed to drive 2 hrs per month, within Amsterdam, on either Sunday afternoons, Tuesday or Thursday mornings. Details, Joe Alibasah at joehennes@yahoo.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.
- This liturgy sheet is available in **large print** in the vestibule.

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Our Congregation

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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Request for Information: I would like information about:

- Church Membership Baptisms Concerts Sunday School or Crèche
 Weddings 20s30s Group Church Magazine Mulanje Mission
Hospital (www.mmh.mw) Volunteering

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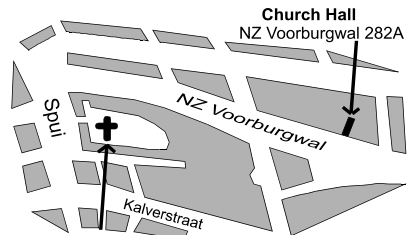
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