

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

December 15<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday  
& Nativity Service**



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

*Prelude: Pastorale, Domenico Zipoli*

## **Call to Worship and Approach to God**

The stars and the galaxies praise you, living God -  
**and we join our voices with theirs.**

Mountains and rivers, forests and seas praise you -  
**and we join our voices with theirs.**

Angels and archangels, all the heavenly host praise you –  
**and we join our voices with theirs.**

Let all things praise the living God.

**Let all things praise the Saviour who comes.**

❖ **Hymn 103** (Psalm 147): *Fill your hearts with joy and gladness*

❖ **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**

❖ **Introduction, with lighting of Advent candles and hymn 282 (v.1-3)**

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Luke 1:39-45 (New Testament p.54)



# 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.
- There is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church** today as this is an all-age service with Nativity.
- **Prayer:** anyone in **need of prayer** today, someone (Margaret Richards) 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](mailto:sallyannstone7@gmail.com) , Gillian Walker, [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto: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

Today, 16.00 hrs: Ecumenical Advent service at the Mennonite Church, Church, Singel 452, with our choir

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

Tuesday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 17.30 hrs: All-age Christmas Eve service

“ “ “ , 22.30 hrs: Late night Christmas Eve service

Wednesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](http://www.ercadam.nl).
- This liturgy sheet is available in **large print** in the vestibule.

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Don't forget to connect with the church online for all the latest news and information:



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