

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

December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019, **Fourth Sunday in Advent**



Morag MacDougall

*‘An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream.’*

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

*Prelude: Noël Languedocien, Alexandre Guilmant*

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

God of mystery

God of blessing

**God is here with us**

God in Jesus

God named Emmanuel

**God is here with us**

Beside us, beneath us,

Behind us, before us,

**Emmanuel!**

Around us, amongst us

About us, ahead of us,

**Emmanuel!**

❖ **Hymn 277:** *Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes*

❖ **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, hymn 282 (v.1-4)**
- ❖ **Ordination to eldership** of Andreas Decker, Elisabeth IJmker, Sies Plokker, Charles Vanderpuye.
- ❖ **Hymn 489:** *Come down, O love divine*
- ❖ **Holy Scripture:** Matthew 1:18-25 (New Testament p.1)
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *The Virgin's Slumber Song*, Max Reger  
Margaret Anne Richards, mezzo-soprano
- ❖ **Holy Scripture:** Romans 13:11-14 (New Testament p.158)
- ❖ **Hymn 291:** *When out of poverty is born*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *the dreamer who awoke* *Followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 316:** *Love came down at Christmas*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering\*** *The Birthday of a King*, W.H. Neidlinger
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 305: v.5**, followed by:  
Gracious God,  
as Joseph played his part  
in your plan of salvation for the world,  
**so we offer you these gifts,  
and ourselves,  
that we may be used by you  
in bringing new life to the world. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 319:** *Of the Father's love begotten*

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

*Postlude: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*, F.W. Marpurg

**\* 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, Revd Dr Lance Stone.  
Scripture reader is Rev Eric Foggitt; prayers of intercession are led by  
Laura Elliott. Consistory members on duty are Thijs Glasz & Peggy Krol.*

# A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please note that this Sunday we will not be offering refreshments as you are encouraged to go directly out to **the Spui after the service for Carol Singing** and distribution of knitted Christmas angels.

## 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 (Margaret Richards) will be available after the service in the chancel (behind the communion table).

### This week's Christmas services:

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

### Weekly activities:

Please note that our short Tuesday morning **service of psalm reciting and prayers** is suspended until the New Year, January 7<sup>th</sup>, as is our **Midweek Fellowship**. This resumes on Wednesday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at 19.30 hrs, with a joint Taizé here with the Begijnhofkapel across the yard. Fortnightly **Bible Study** at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat 1071LH resumes on Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

### 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. The passage we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Dec 29<sup>th</sup> : Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; **Matthew 2:13-23**; Hebrews 2:10-18

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> : Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; **Matthew 2:1-12**; Ephesians 3:1-12

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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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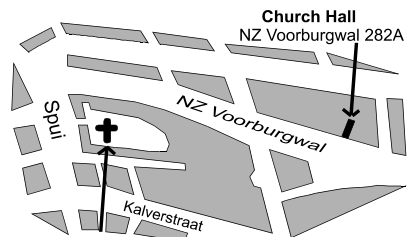
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