

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

December 25<sup>th</sup> 2019

## **Christmas Day**



*Hannah Grytskiv*

**Prelude:** *Variations on a French Carol* - Bernard Smilde

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

Jesus Christ is born today

**Alleluia! The Saviour has come!**

Immanuel, God with us, God is for us

**Alleluia! God in the manger, God in the flesh!**

❖ **Hymn 306:** *O come, all ye faithful*

❖ **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.

- ❖ **Lighting of Advent candles and Hymn 282:** *Christmas is coming!*

## The Word of God

- ❖ **Reading: Luke 2:1-4, 8-20**
- ❖ **Hymn 305, v.1:** *In the bleak midwinter*
- ❖ **Reuben's birthday (i)**
- ❖ **Hymn 305, verse 2:** *Our God, heaven cannot hold him*
- ❖ **Reuben's birthday (ii)**
- ❖ **Hymn 305, verse 3:** *Enough for him whom cherubim*
- ❖ **Reuben's birthday (iii)**
- ❖ **Hymn 305, verse 4:** *Angels and archangels*
- ❖ **Reuben's birthday (iv)**
- ❖ **Music in worship** *In dulce jubilo* - J.S. Bach
- ❖ **Holy Scripture:** John 1:1-5, 14
- ❖ **Hymn 314:** *Child in the manger*
- ❖ **Meditation:** *God's dwelling place* followed by silent reflection

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 322:** *Good Christians, all rejoice*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *The Fifers* - J. François d'Andrieu
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 305, v.5** followed by  
O God, we praise you for the gift of Jesus,  
Emmanuel, God with us.  
**Accept our offerings of thanksgiving  
and help us to respond in gratitude. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 301:** *Hark! The herald angels sing*

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

**Postlude:** *O Hail This Brightest Day of Days* - J.S. Bach

*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.  
Please turn off your mobile phones.*

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.  
Holy Scripture is read by Gavin Kamara. Prayers of intercession are  
led by Gillian Walker. Consistory members on duty are Judi Haynes-  
Smart & Thorsten König.*

# A very warm WELCOME and a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all!

## Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- This is an all-age service so there is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church**.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- Please note that we need some more **volunteers to go on the creche rota**. Might this be something that you could do?
- **Prayer**: Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- There is no **midweek Fellowship** this week. Midweek Fellowship 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>.
- **Men's Group**: calling all men in the church – we are planning on going for lunch after the service on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>. Come along! Meet after the service and proceed from there.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com).
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church is committed to cooking lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. Interested? Please contact Pastor Lance.
- 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).

## 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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