

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



December 11, 2022
11:30



Growing together and reaching out in Christ

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Prelude in C Major BWV 567
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 110:1-2, 4

The Lord says to my lord:

“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.”

The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying,
“Rule in the midst of your enemies!”

The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind:
“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Chen Family

***Hymn of Praise**

#8 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Text: Georg Weissel, Trans. Catherine Winkworth

Music: Thomas Williams

Examination

Nathan Wannemacher

**People: Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.**

**See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting (Psalm 139:23-24).**

Leader: Let us search our hearts and silently confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

**People: Almighty God, with our whole hearts,
we confess to you our neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,
our wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts we have done to others,
and the good we have left undone.**

**O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against you;
and bring us closer to yourself;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The God of love and power
has forgiven you and freed you from your sins,
he has healed and strengthened you by his Spirit,
and he has raised you to new life in Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

Words: Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Words of Gratitude

Johnson Oduwaiye

First Reading

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6 (pp. 692, 694)

Lydia Meister

Meditation

"Do You Hear What I Hear"

Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne

Heather and Claire Altermatt, Vocals; Christine Weeks, Piano

Second Reading

Matthew 1:18-25 (pp. 965-966)

Sermon

"God Tells Mary and Joseph His Plan"

Rev. Dennis Wright

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#1 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (*verses 1, 3 and 4*)

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Jean-Claude Gottraux,
Council Chairperson

Offertory

"Hallelujah"

Tobias Gad and John Stephens

Heather and Claire Altermatt, Vocals; Christine Weeks, Piano

***Doxology**

#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Jean-Claude Gottraux

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Jean-Claude Gottraux

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Jeff Anhut

Netz4 and Chrischtehüsli

*Hymn of Dedication

#22 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Text: James Montgomery, *Salisbury Hymn Book*

Music: Henry Thomas Smart

*Commissioning and Benediction

Rev. Dennis Wright

Postlude

Little Fugue Nr. 8 in B flat Major BWV 560

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. For those who need to leave, please do so quietly.

***Please stand if you are able.**