

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



December 12, 2021  
12:00



Growing together and reaching out in Christ

# ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

## Prelude

“Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar”  
(From Heaven Came th'angelic Host)  
Johann Heinrich Buttstedt 1666 - 1727

## Meditation on the Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 89:1-4*

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,  
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant,

‘I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.’ ”

## Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Keith, Helen, Angelina and Karl Hennings

## \*Call to Worship

**Leader:** Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be opened for you."

Lord, as we search now, let us find you.

**People: As we knock, open the door to us.**

**Leader:** Let us know you, that we may praise you;

**People: let us love you, and know your love.**

## \*Hymn of Praise

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”  
Basque carol; arr. Edgar Pettman & John Wickham  
Text Paraphrase – Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

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# The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came 16

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE 10.10.12.10

Basque carol

Para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Arr. by Edga Pettman and John Wickham

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His  
2. "For know a bless - ed moth - er you shall be, All  
3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, "To  
4. Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born In

wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All  
gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, Your  
me be as it pleas - es God," she said, "My  
Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, And

hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,"  
Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told." Most  
soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:

high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!

## **Examination**

**Leader:** When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Leader:** Let us confess to God the sin which always confronts us.

**People:** **Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader:** God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Savior, has forgiven us our sins, and is making us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

### **\*Gloria Patri**

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

“Silent Night”

Text: Joseph Mohr

Music: Franz Xaver Gruber

P.O.S.T. (Prayer, Offering & Singing Together), Vocals; Ruth Pfister, Piano

The children will sing the first verse. The congregation is asked to join them in singing the second time (in German) and the third time (in English).

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!  
Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.  
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace!  
Sleep in heavenly peace!

## Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

*Children are dismissed to their Sunday School classes.*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7*

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. <sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

## Meditation

*"O Holy Night"*

Chris Tomlin and Cece Winans

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born

Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our  
brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise  
we

Let all within us praise His holy name  
Christ is the Lord, o praise His name forever  
His power and glory, evermore proclaim  
God with us, Emmanuel  
O night, O night divine

## **New Testament Reading**

Luke 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup> In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.<sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.<sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

<sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,<sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

## **Sermon**

“God’s Promise for Christmas”

Rev. Dennis Wright

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

### **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

Birgit David, Elder for Adult Education and Retreats

*IPC is a self-supporting church. We are reliant on and very thankful for your regular giving to finance the church and to support our missions, charities and those less fortunate in our community.*

*Please prayerfully consider giving via bank online transfer, Twint or Paypal. The banking information and payment method links can be found on the IPC website, as well as at the back of the bulletin.*

## **Offertory**

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Passion / Melodie Malone

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels  
O come let us adore Him (x3)  
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above  
Glory to God, glory in the highest  
O come let us adore Him (x3)  
Christ the Lord

We worship Christ, the Lord  
 We worship You Jesus  
 Yes, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning  
 Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing  
 O come let us adore Him (x3)  
 Christ the Lord

The Lord  
 His name shall be wonderful, Counselor  
 His name shall be everlasting Father  
 His name shall be Prince of Peace, mighty God  
 His name shall be Immanuel  
 We'll praise Your name forever x3  
 Christ, He is Christ the Lord!

You are Christ the Lord  
 His name shall be wonderful, Counselor  
 His name shall be everlasting Father  
 His name shall be Prince of Peace,  
 mighty God  
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We'll praise Your name forever (x3)  
 Christ the Lord

**\*Doxology**

SERVICE MUSIC

**592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

*Doxology*

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Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise \*Him, all crea- tures

here be - low; Praise \*Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## **Prayers of the People**

Birgit David

### **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**

### **Welcome of Guests**

### **Announcements**

### **\*Hymn of Dedication**

"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

Text: James Montgomery, 1816 & *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

Music: Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

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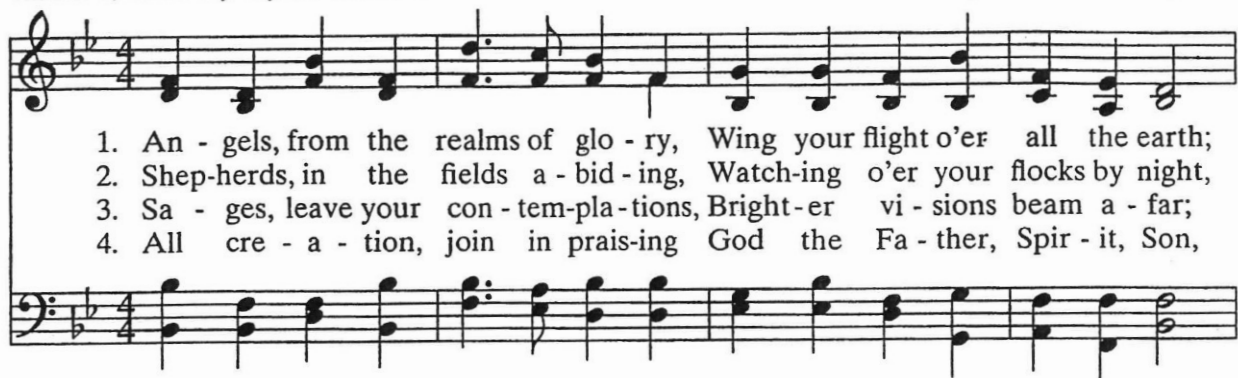


## Angels, from the Realms of Glory

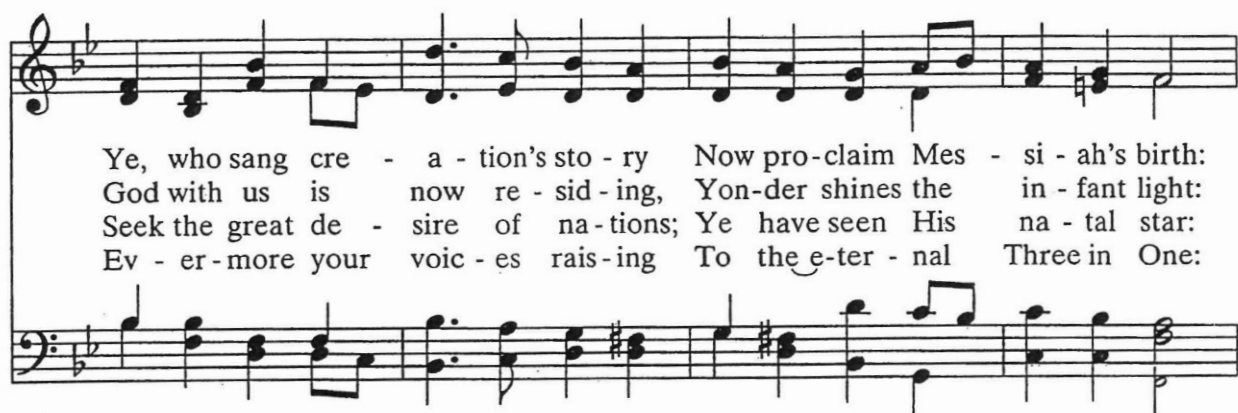
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Stanzas 1-3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825  
Stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

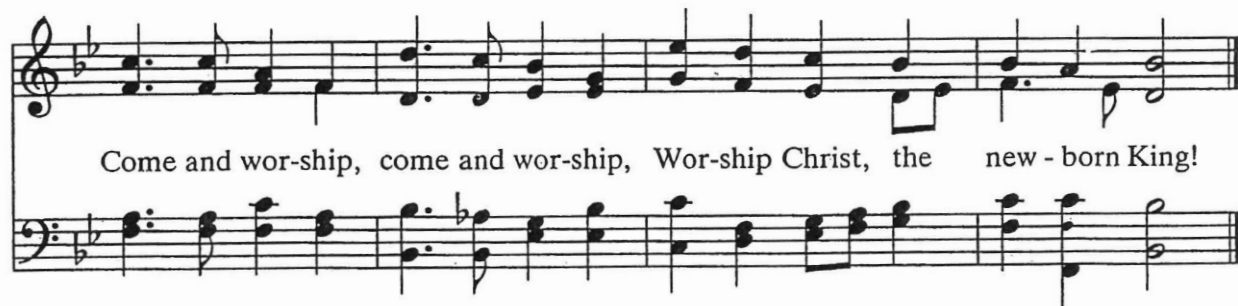
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, Bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4. All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry Now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, Yon-der shines the in - fant light:  
Seek the great de - sire of na - tions; Ye have seen His na - tal star:  
Ev - er-more your voic - es rais - ing To the e - ter - nal Three in One:



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new - born King!

**\*Commissioning and Benediction****Postlude**

Chorale Prelude "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her"  
(From Heaven above to Earth I Come)  
Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

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

## **Serving Today:**

Preacher: Rev. Dennis Wright

Morning Worship Music Coordinator: Chandler Cudlipp

Musicians: Jonah Bagajo, Lydia Meister & Motsy Akinrinmade, Vocals;  
Andrew Jehle, Piano; Jan Kurmann, Guitar; Charlotte Blöchlinger, Violin;  
Sören Müller, Percussion

Elder: Birgit David, Elder for Adult Education & Retreats

Reader: Heather Altermatt

Ushers: Paul and Eva Nelson

Altar Guild: Wai Hung Leung

Zoom Livestream: Stefan Heuberger & Chile Anhut

Sound: Pawel Marciniak

Prayer Team: Barbara

## **For parents:**

For any parents who need to leave the service with their infant, please feel free to join the Zoom simulcast on your phone so you don't miss anything.

The meeting ID is **950 9439 6439** and the password is **203719**.

The phone number for the Sunday School Safety Officer stationed in the Kantonsschule is 077 526 51 64.

## **IPC Calendar:**

### Sunday, December 12

- 13:30: Carols & Cookies
- 14:45 & 16:00: Czech Missions Trip Info Meetings
- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship
- 19:00: Fellowship

### Sunday, December 19

- 9:30: Online Bible@10
- 10:30: Youth
- 12:00: In-person/Online Morning Worship
- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship

### Friday, December 24

- 18:00: Nine Lessons & Carols

### Sunday, December 26

- 12:00: In-person/Online Morning Worship
- NO Evening Worship Service

### Sunday, January 2, 2022

- 12:00: In-person/Online Morning Worship
- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship

## **Announcements:**

### **Nominations for 2022–2024 Elders**

January 23, 2022 is a few weeks away and preparations have begun for the Annual Congregational Meeting. A number of elders will be stepping down next year and we will need to find people to fill these positions. The council are calling for nominations from the congregation to fill the open council elder positions. Please use the form available from the ushers to submit your nominations by December 20.

### **Part-time Office Admin Assistant**

IPC is looking for a temporary part-time (40%) administrative assistant to serve in the church office from January to June 2022. The administrative assistant will work with the other office staff, the pastor and the elders to help ensure that IPC runs well. More details on the website. Please send applications by December 15 to [personnel@ipc-zurich.org](mailto:personnel@ipc-zurich.org)

## **Christmas 2021**

### **Christmas Collection Envelopes**

This year, donations will go to Netz4 and Chrischttehüsli, two local organizations, that we have supported in previous years. They help people on the fringe of society; some of whom live on the streets of Zurich. Many people are in distress in these difficult times and at the beginning of winter. The help provided is very practical and consists mainly of food, lodging, administrative and spiritual support.

This year's Christmas collection gives the IPC congregation another opportunity to show solidarity with needy people in our neighborhood.

### **Nine Lessons & Carols**

Christmas Eve, December 24 // French Church // 18:00

We look forward to welcoming everybody to this special service. If you would like to invite friends and family to join this year, please pick up a special edition Christmas Eve service invite postcard from the ushers or from the office. If you are planning to be in Zurich, please consider volunteering at the service. The gift of your time will give the regular volunteers a break and you get to serve your IPC community.

### **Office Hours: Please Email or Call**

The office is closed from December 24 to January 3.

In an emergency please contact the pastor (076 329 55 25).

The IPC staff is working both in the office and at home right now.

Please call (044 262 55 25) during office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9:00-17:00) or email ([office@ipc-zurich.org](mailto:office@ipc-zurich.org)) to make sure the office is open before stopping by.

## Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!

Many thanks for stopping by, and we hope that your time with us will be rewarding and enriching as we worship Christ together.

Headsets for hearing aids are available. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

### Get Connected

The best ways for you to begin at IPC are:

- Join a Home Group
- Sign up to receive the e-newsletter
- Serve at IPC
- Become a member

For more information about programs and events, visit [ipc-zurich.org](http://ipc-zurich.org).

### Staff

Dennis Wright, Interim Pastor

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### Council Elders

Paul Nelson, Heather Altermatt, Birgit David, Vicky Lee, Lanette Meister, Eric Ohlund, Marco Schnitter, Piotr Soluch, Brian Sparks, Remi Tobler and Chee Mui Yap.

### Deacons

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