

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



October 16, 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 op 37 Nr. 2 in G Major
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

***Call to Worship**

Peter Chen

Leader: O Lord, open our lips

People: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Our forgiveness is through you, Christ, alone,

People: Salvation belongs to our God. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

#396 "O for a Closer Walk with God"

Words: William Cowper; Music: Scottish Psalter

Examination

Vicky Lee, Elder for Fellowship & Special Events

Leader: You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

**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.**

Leader: Please join me in silent confession.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We are sorry for the sins we have done against you. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

***Gloria Patri**

#579 “Glory Be to the Father”

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children’s Message

Ralph Holman

Old Testament Reading

Peter Chen

Psalms 51:1-12 (p. 573)

Meditation

“O God, have mercy” from *St. Paul* op. 36

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Kai Bischoff, Bass-Baritone; Ruth Pfister, Organ

New Testament Reading

John 3:1-17 (pp. 1065-1066)

Sermon

“Sin and Salvation”

Rev. Dennis Wright

(“We Believe” Series #6)

Sin – We believe that we were created for perfect and eternal fellowship with God, who is holy and just. When we think, speak or act in a way that is against God’s will, we sin. Since the fall of Adam and Eve we have all been imperfect sinners, and so we are alienated from God and from each other.

Salvation – We believe that only God’s grace can save us from eternal separation from him, and that we are saved through faith in Jesus Christ, who redeemed and justified us by his sacrifice on the Cross.

(from IPC draft Statement of Faith)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#85 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Words: American folk hymn; Music: Walker’s *Southern Harmony*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Vicky Lee

Offertory

“God So Loved The World”

James G. MacDermid

Kai Bischoff, Bass-Baritone; Ruth Pfister, Piano

***Doxology**

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

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Vicky Lee

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

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication**

#485 "To God Be the Glory"

Words: Fanny Jane Crosby; Music: William Howard Doane

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Rev. Dennis Wright

Postlude

Verse 9 from Partita sopra "Jesu, My Joy"

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

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.**

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. **Today the nursery room is available (but not staffed).** The meeting ID is **950 9439 6439** and the password is **203719**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 16

13:00: Coffee Fellowship

18:00: In-person / Online Evening Worship

Sunday, October 23

10:00: Bible@10 and Prayer @10

11:30: In-person / Online Morning Worship

13:00: Coffee Fellowship French Hall

13:00: Lunch & Learn Methodist Hall

18:00: In-person / Online Evening Worship

Sunday, October 30

11:30: Ministry Fair Sunday

FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship

Come and join us in the French Hall below the sanctuary for coffee and a chat after morning worship.

ADULT ED

Bible@10 is a weekly profitable Bible study that deepens our love for God and equips us to serve others. In October, we will study Steven J. Lawson's guidebook on Philippians called *Shining with Joy*. See the website for the new study plan and information on purchasing the book.

Dates (2022 / 2023)	Study (two weeks per study)
Oct 16, 23	1. Joy-filled prayer (Phil 1:1-11)
Oct 30, Nov 6	2. Joy in hardships (Phil 1:12-30)
Nov 13, 20	3. Joy and humility (Phil 2:1-11,19-30)
Nov 27, Dec 4	4. Joy in obedience (Phil 2:12-18)
Dec 11, 18	5. Joy as we run (Phil 3:1-21)
Dec 25, Jan 1	No meetings
Jan 8, 15	6. Joy when faced with conflict and anxiety (Phil 4:1-9)
Jan 22, 29	7. Joy in all things (Phil 4:10-23)

Lunch & Learn

The Adult Ed & Retreats Committee are organizing two "Lunch & Learn" sessions on October 23 and November 20 after our morning worship services.

The first session on October 23 will cover the first 5 topics in our Statement of Faith with the theme "God and His Word". After a brief introduction by Pastor Dennis, we will have lunch and you will have the opportunity to discuss the theme and to put questions to Pastor Dennis.

A similar format second session will take place on November 20 where we will cover the remaining topics in our Statement of Faith with the theme “Man and his destiny in Christ”. We plan to send out a summary of the sessions’ input.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Month of Prayer for the Shan*

This year, too, the call to prayer is urgent as the aftermath of last year’s coup and the pandemic have left the peoples of Myanmar in dire straits. Let’s call upon the Lord for our adopted people group! And for those of you who are interested and able, we encourage a fast every Tuesday for the month of October. For daily prayer pointers, see www.facebook.com/pray4ShanTai or sign up by writing to prayfortheshan@gmail.com.

(If you have signed up in the past, there is no need to do so again).

*IPC’s adopted people group since March 3, 2002

IPC Ministry Fair

Do you desire to serve God, but don't know where to start? Do you need a little help from brothers and sisters in Christ but don't know who to ask?

Come together on Sunday, October 30 to learn more about IPC's various ministries. There will be fun, fellowship and an opportunity to worship together. A light lunch will be served.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 13 is the IPC Harvest Festival. Come to Coffee Fellowship to buy some delicious goods donated by members of the Sunday School and congregation. This year, the collection will go to Charity Mission for People with Disabilities from the Republic of Moldova. Doina Chirica, the founders’ daughter will visit at Harvest and tell us more about their mission.

LOVE IN A BOX – START COLLECTING

Please join our Love in a Box campaign. This year many of us will be affected by rising living costs so you can imagine how much harder it will be for those who are already struggling to make ends meet. Last year we collected more boxes than ever before to send to the poorest countries in Europe. Let’s see if we can continue to spread God’s love to even more families in need this year. Empty boxes are available on your way out of church today with full instructions. **Final collection day is not until 20 November** so you have time to start putting the required items together. If you are unable to make up a box yourself perhaps you could contribute toward the transportation by donating via Twint.



WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Women’s Retreat: “Building the House of the Lord”

This year’s all-day retreat will take place on Saturday, November 26 in Kilchberg. Sign up on the website. Cost is CHF 25.

GIVING

Finance Report September

	Budget	Actual
Giving	458'000	478'000
Expenses	458'000	404'000
Surplus	0	74'000

YOUTH

No Youth Group: October 9, 16 or 23 (school holidays)

Boda Borg:

Our next event will be a visit to Boda Borg on Saturday October 29. Visit the website for details or email Nathan Wannemacher at nwannemacher@ipc-zurich.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

October 16 and 23

During Zurich Fall Break **children 1-5 years old** are invited to the French Church basement starting at 11:20 for their special Sunday School program including a Bible lesson, activities, games and snacks.

For children 6 and older: Today there are a children's message, activity booklets and sermon notes sheets for children during the worship service. Next week, **October 23** the children will leave the service after the children's message to have a special Sunday School program on the first floor of the Methodist building.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IPC Office

Zeltweg 20, 8032 Zürich / Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 to 17:00

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Giving

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.

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