

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



December 17, 2023

11:30

Third Sunday in

Advent

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

Piece in D Major Nr. 1 from "L'Organiste"

César Franck (1822 – 1890)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 22:1-5

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.

In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Schnellmann Family

***Call to Worship**

Liliane Altermatt

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has revealed himself to us.

People: Christ dwells among us, and calls to us.

Leader: Come now, all who thirst, and drink the water of life.

People: Come now, all who hunger, and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now, all who seek, and be warmed by the fire of love.

People: All praise, honor, and glory be to our God.

***Hymn of Praise**

#478 "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"

Words: Henry Francis Lyte; Music: John Goss

Examination

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Search our hearts, God, and reveal to us any wrongdoing. Show us where we have lived for ourselves, and not for you. Reveal to us how we have hurt you, others, and ourselves. Make clear our motivations and desires, and mold and form us more into your image. Please join me in silent confession.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy and merciful Father, we confess in your presence our sins.

People: We are so often quick to do evil, and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Leader: Have mercy on us Lord.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: “Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit (Psalm 32:1)” Believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven! All thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

#579 “Glory Be to the Father”

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:14-20 (pp. 196-197)

Liliane Altermatt

Meditation

“Les Enfants de Dieu” from “La Nativité”

Olivier Messiaen (1908 – 1992)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4 (p. 1201)

Sermon

“Long Awaited: Jesus Christ the Prophet”

Rev. Mark van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#20 “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

Words: John Bowring; Music: Joseph Parry

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Heather Altermatt, Elder for
Morning Worship

Offertory

Choral Prelude upon “Savior of the Nations, Come,” BWV 599 from “Orgelbüchlein”
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)
Ruth Pfister, Organ

A tous ceux qui l'ont reçu, le Verbe a donné le pouvoir de devenir enfants de Dieu. Et Dieu a envoyé dans leur cœur l'Esprit de son Fils, lequel crie : Père ! Père !

To all who received him, the Word gave the power to become children of God. And God has sent into their hearts the Spirit of his Son, who cries out: Father! Father!

***Doxology**

#592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Words by Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Heather Altermatt

The Lord's Prayer

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Heather Altermatt

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Jeff Anhut

Chrischtehüsli / Netz 4

Shan Vision Trip Team Commissioning

***Hymn of Dedication**

#2 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

Postlude

Fugue in F Major BWV 540
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.***