

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



May 22, 2022

12:00

Growing together and reaching out in Christ

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

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

Prelude

Little Prelude No. 5 in G Major, BWV 557
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19:7-9

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

*Call to Worship

Chris Harrison
(Poemia Bible study)

Leader: The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord sends rain to the just, and to the unjust.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord forgives the sinner, and hears the cry of the needy.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise # 478 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Text: Henry Frances Lyte, 1834

Music: John Goss, 1869

Examination

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 wrongdoing, 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

(From and based on Psalm 139)

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
With you, Lord, is unfailing love.
You have fully redeemed your children.

*Gloria Patri #579

“Glory Be to the Father”

Music: H.W. Greatorex

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Luke 11:28-32 (page 1043)

²⁸ He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

²⁹ As the crowds increased, Jesus said, “This is a wicked generation. It asks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.

³⁰ For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹ The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom; and now something greater than Solomon is here.

³² The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and now something greater than Jonah is here.

Meditation

“Thee Will I Love”

Words: Johann Scheffler, trans. John Wesley

Arrangement: Craig Courtney

Randal Turner, Baritone

Ruth Pfister, Piano

Sermon Reading

Jonah 4:1-11 (page 929)

But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry.

² He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.

³ Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.

⁶ Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant.⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered.

⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.”

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” “It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”

¹⁰ But the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.

¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

Sermon

“God looks into Jonah’s Heart”

Rev. Dennis Wright

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response “Trust and Obey”

(see the following page)

1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor - row we share,
 3. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of His love
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at His feet

What a glo - ry He sheds on our way! Let us do His good
 But our toil He doth rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief or a
 Un - til all on the al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He
 Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will

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will; He a - bides with us still, And with all who will
 loss, Not a frown or a cross, But is blest if we
 shows And the joy He be - stows Are for them who will
 do, Where He sends we will go; Nev - er fear, on - ly

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trust and o - bey.
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way To be hap - py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Jean-Claude Gottraux
Council Chair

Offertory

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
Trad. American
Arrangement Richard Walters

Randal Turner, Baritone
Ruth Pfister, Piano

***Doxology #592**

"Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow"

Text: T. 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

Welcome of Guests

Passing of Peace

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication # 454 "Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"**

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858
Music: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude

"Agnus Dei: Plein jeu" and "Deo gratias" from "Mass for the Monasteries"
François Couperin (1668–1733)

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

Serving Today: Members of Poemia

Preacher: Rev. Dennis Wright

Ministry Coordinator: Nathan Wannemacher

Morning Worship Music Coordinator: Chandler Cudlipp

Musicians: Ruth Pfister, Organ; Randal Turner, Baritone

Elder: Jean-Claude Gottraux

Reader: Chris Harrison

Ushers: Michal Partl, Mei-yiu Held, Lawrence Kwamifoli and Ruth Nainar

Greeters: Susan Knüsel, Tim Zheng Luo (Poemia Bible study)

Altar Guild: Kay Stobaugh

Zoom Livestream: Fleur Fahner, Matt Kägi

Sound: Stephan Heuberger

Prayer: Barbara Bagajo

Coffee Fellowship: Hiang Dreher, Martin Dreher, Dorothy Kwan and Chikako Thomsen and Tao Peng and Rafael Vareto (Poemia Bible study)

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.

Announcements

Home Groups

Home groups provide the environment to forge strong ties and fellowship within IPC's diverse body of Christ. They help us grow and mature as Christians by developing the discipline of regular worship, praying for one another, experiencing the genuine love of Christ, discovering and shaping spiritual gifts for ministry and sharing the gospel.

We meet during the week in small groups, on Zoom or in-person, throughout Zurich and neighboring areas. Speak to one of the volunteers wearing an "Ask me about Home Groups" badge to learn more.

Pastoral Search Committee (PSC)

The Council of Elders has decided to set up a Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) in order to identify and recruit a new senior pastor for IPC. The Nominations Committee will identify suitable candidates (3 elders and 4 congregants according to IPC Constitution). Once a full slate of candidates is available, a Special Congregational Meeting will be called to validate the choice. The process of recruiting a new senior pastor usually takes 6 to 9 months and we are delighted to report that Pastor Dennis Wright has indicated that he is prepared to continue working as Interim Pastor during that time.

Statement of Faith

Together with Pastor Dennis Wright, the Council of Elders has decided to develop a Statement of Faith, this is for two main reasons. First, to present our shared beliefs clearly, so that the search for a new senior pastor can attract candidates, who are a good fit for us. And second to update the IPC website, so that people can clearly see what we believe and can better decide whether they wish to worship with us. You will be hearing more about this as work progresses and there will be plenty of time for congregational input before we finalize the statement in early fall.

Membership Classes

Sunday, June 5 & 12. If you want to become a member of IPC, join us between the services from 14:30-16:00 to learn more about God and our church. Contact the office to sign up.

New Morning Service Start Time

We are happy to announce that the morning service will begin at 11:30 from Sunday, June 5. All the morning activities will also start at the adjusted times.

IPC Calendar:

Sunday, May 22, 2022

- 13:30: Coffee Fellowship
- 16:00: Afternoon Youth Group
- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship

Thursday, May 26, 2022 Ascension Day

Office closed
Zurich Bike Ride

Sunday, May 29, 2022

- 9:30: Bible@10 (online)
- 10:30: Morning Youth Group
- 12:00: In-person/Online Morning Worship (communion)
- 12:00: Sunday School
- 13:30: Coffee Fellowship
- 16:00: Afternoon Youth Group
- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship

Bible @10

We are happy to announce that Bible@10 is meeting in-person again. The classes will meet every Sunday morning from 10:00 in the Kantonsschule. The studies are open to all even if you can't attend every week. Stop by from June 5 at 10:00.

Sermon Study Guide for Home Groups

Pastor Dennis provides study guide questions for use in the week prior to each sermon. These are available on the sermons page of the IPC website.

Prayers

For prayer concerns please send a message to Pastor Dennis at pastor@ipc-zurich.org. These messages go directly to Pastor Dennis.

Jürg Kessler, jpkessler@ggaweb.ch, manages the IPC prayer chain. Contact him to join us in praying for our IPC community.

Worship Bulletin

Each week the worship bulletin is published on the morning worship page of the website. If you prefer an electronic version, you can download it from Friday afternoon.

Newsletter

Please be aware that the IPC newsletter will now be sent out once per month, at the end of each month. Please send in any contributions by the 25th of the month.

Office Hours: Please Email or Call

Please call (044 262 55 25) during office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9:00-17:00) or email (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.

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.

Staff

Dennis Wright, Interim Pastor

Nathan Wannemacher, Ministry Coordinator

Bev Visser, Administrative Assistant

Vanessa Bischoff, Children's Ministry Administrator

Genu Cherukara, Administrative Assistant

Ruth Pfister, Organist

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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. All details on the website.

Please prayerfully consider giving via bank online transfer, Twint or Paypal.

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