## Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



January 23, 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**

Prelude in F Major Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656 – 1746)

## **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 3:3-6

But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.
I call out to the Lord,
and he answers me from his holy mountain.
I lie down and sleep;
I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.
I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side.

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord has made a new covenant with us.

People: He has put his law in our minds, and has written it on our hearts.

He is our God, and we are his people.

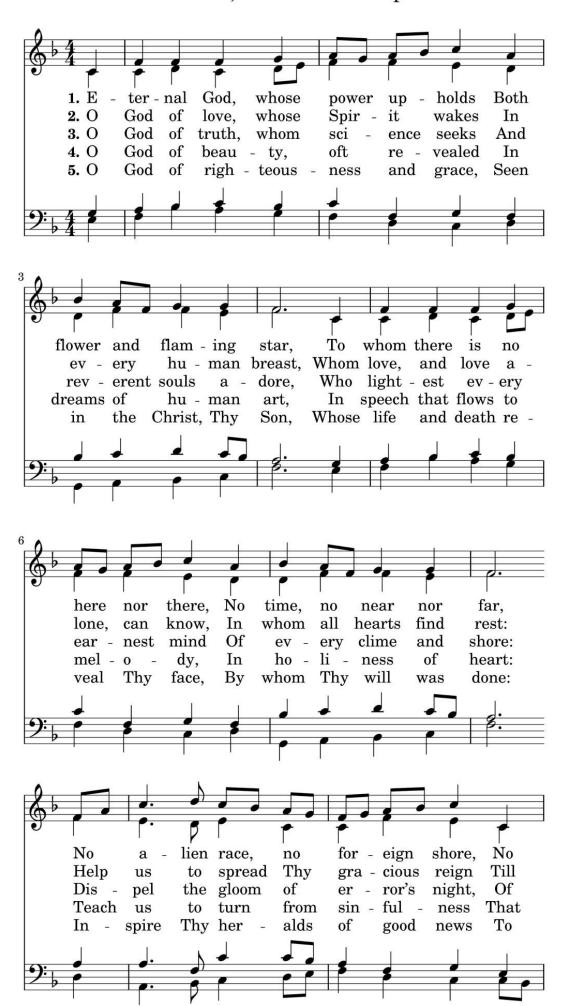
Leader: Let us worship our Holy God.

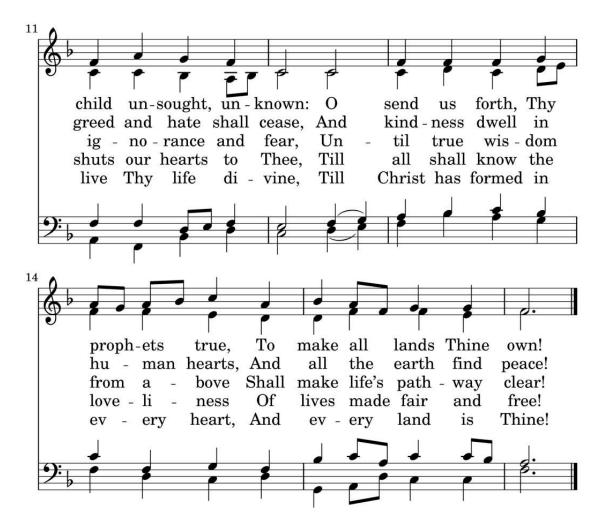
## \*Hymn of Praise

"Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds" Text: Henry Hallam Tweedy, 1929

Music: English folk melody; arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

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### **Examination**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9). Let us come before our forgiving God, and confess our sins in silence.

## **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

Our gracious God forgives us our sin, strengthens us by the Spirit, and will keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 says:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:"

#### \*Gloria Patri

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 31:33-34

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

#### Meditation

"Lord God of Abraham" from Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn Andrew Moore, Bass-Baritone Ruth Pfister, Organ

## **New Testament Reading**

1 John 2:7-14

Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard.

Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble.

But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them. I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.

I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

#### Sermon

"I am writing to you ..."
Rev. Dennis Wright

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## \*Hymn of Response

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior Words: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925 Music: A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925

## May the Mind of Christ My Savior



- **5.** May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
- **6.** May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

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

Heather Altermatt, Elder for Morning Worship

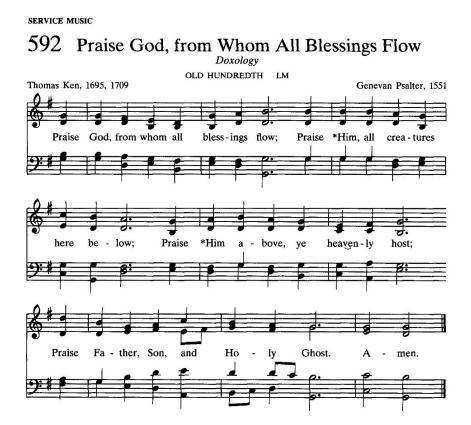
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## Offertory

"Give Me Jesus" Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan Andrew Moore, Bass-Baritone Ruth Pfister, Piano

## \*Doxology



## **Prayers of the People**

**Heather Altermatt** 

## 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

## **Passing of Peace**

(Covid style)

### **Welcome of Guests**

#### **Announcements**

## \*Hymn of Dedication

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Music: Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Text: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

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## \*Commissioning and Benediction

### **Postlude**

Prelude in G Major, BWV 568 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand if you are able.

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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## **Serving Today:**

Preacher: Rev. Dennis Wright

Morning Worship Music Coordinator: Chandler Cudlipp

Musicians: Ruth Pfister, Organ, Piano; Andrew Moore, Bass-Baritone

Elder: Heather Altermatt, Elder for Morning Worship

Reader: Jenny Bärlocher Ushers: Paul and Eva Nelson Altar Guild: Wai-Hung Leung

Zoom Livestream: Stefan Heuberger and Chile Anhut

Sound: Lawrence Wilkinson

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, January 23, 2022

• 13:00: Coffee Hour – outside

• 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship

## Sunday, January 30, 2022

• 9:30: Bible @10: online

• 10:30: Youth Group

• 12:00: Sunday School

• 12:00: In-person/Online Morning Worship

• 14:00: Annual Congregational Meeting

• 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship

#### **Announcements**

## Prayer & Pastoral Care



If you would like to send a (private) prayer request or schedule a time to meet with Pastor Dennis or Nathan, scan the QR code with your phone, write your message and send. The text message will go directly to Pastor Dennis.

In addition, IPC has a prayer chain, everyone subscribed gets regular updates on the prayer needs of those in our congregation. You can submit your own prayer requests; this is a great way to both pray for others in the church and to be prayed for. Please email Jürg Kessler at jpkessler@ggaweb.ch to join or to submit a prayer request.

## **Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)**

The ACM will be held on Sunday, January 30, after the morning service in the sanctuary. We expect the ACM to be in-person, subject to 3G rules (while the service will be subject to 2G rules). We will send out an email by January 27 if there are any rule changes that would impact the ACM.

Childcare will be arranged, please sign up for childcare early on the website.

## Afghanistan Online Presentation: A Country in Crisis – How Can We Help

Wednesday, January 26, 19:30 – 20:30 on Zoom

The IPC Adult Education team invites you to learn first-hand about the current situation in Afghanistan and how you can help save lives in an online presentation by Anna Coffin, Head of Country Program for Afghanistan, Medair www.medair.org. Anna was in Afghanistan in August 2021 and left the country the day before the Taliban took over. The presentation will be followed by a question & answer session. Prayer points and ways the congregation can help will also be presented. For more information and to register please see the IPC website www.ipc-zurich.org or contact: Annelies at acg\_art@icloud.com or Birgit at birgitdavid.ipc@gmail.com.

## **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.

## Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, February 2 at 7:00 on Zoom

## **Sermon Study Guide & Home Groups**

Pastor Dennis will provide study guide questions for use in the week prior to each sermon. These will be available on the sermons page of the IPC website. Several home groups are planning to use these guides in their weekly meetings to delve deeper into God's Word as well as to better connect to each other. If you are not a member of a home group and are interested in doing the sermon study with other church members, please contact the office and we will point you to a group that suits your needs.

## Bible@10

This study group meets online every Sunday morning before the morning service at 9:30. Study books are available from the office. The current study is 1&2 Timothy. Everyone is welcome.

### **E-Newsletter**

If you would like to receive the bi-weekly e-newsletter, contact the office or sign up on the website.

### Office Hours: Please Email or Call

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) 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, Youth Intern Bev Visser, Administrative Assistant Vanessa Bischoff, Children's Ministry Administrator Genu Cherukara, Administrative Assistant Ruth Pfister, Organist

### **IPC Office**

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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**

Jenny Bärlocher, Jane Burger, Sarah da Ponte, Keith Hennings, Patty Jehle, Jürg Kessler, Johnson Oduwaiye, Rob-Roy Roedel and Giannina Wild

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