

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

See the following pages

1. E - ter - nal God, whose power up - holds Both
 2. O God of love, whose Spir - it wakes In
 3. O God of truth, whom sci - ence seeks And
 4. O God of beau - ty, oft re - vealed In
 5. O God of righ - teous - ness and grace, Seen

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flower and flam - ing star, To whom there is no
 ev - ery hu - man breast, Whom love, and love a -
 rev - erent souls a - dore, Who light - est ev - ery
 dreams of hu - man art, In speech that flows to
 in the Christ, Thy Son, Whose life and death re -

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here nor there, No time, no near nor far,
 lone, can know, In whom all hearts find rest:
 ear - nest mind Of ev - ery clime and shore:
 mel - o - dy, In ho - li - ness of heart:
 veal Thy face, By whom Thy will was done:

No a - lien race, no for - eign shore, No
 Help us to spread Thy gra - cious reign Till
 Dis - pel the gloom of er - ror's night, Of
 Teach us to turn from sin - ful - ness That
 In - spire Thy her - als of good news To

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child un-sought, un-known: O send us forth, Thy
 greed and hate shall cease, And kind-ness dwell in
 ig-no-rance and fear, Un-til true wis-dom
 shuts our hearts to Thee, Till all shall know the
 live Thy life di-vine, Till Christ has formed in

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proph-ets true, To make all lands Thine own!
 hu-man hearts, And all the earth find peace!
 from a-bove Shall make life's path-way clear!
 love-li-ness Of lives made fair and free!
 ev-ery heart, And ev-ery land is Thine!

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

1. May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior
2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly
3. May the peace of God, my Fa - ther,
4. May the love of Je - sus fill me

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live in me from day to day, by his love and
in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may
rule my life in ev - ery - thing, that I may be
as the wa - ters fill the sea, him ex - alt - ing,

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power con - trol - ling all I do and say.
see I tri - umph on - ly through his power.
calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
self a - bas - ing— this is vic - to - ry.

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

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

"Give Me Jesus" Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Andrew Moore, Bass-Baritone

Ruth Pfister, Piano

*Doxology

SERVICE MUSIC

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Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures 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

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.

See the following page

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude

Prelude in G Major, BWV 568

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

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

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho - rus Which the morn-ing stars be-gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open-ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flower-y mea-dow, flash-ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward In the tri-umph song of life.

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.

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