

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



October 23, 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 in E flat Major

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656-1746)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 80:3

Restore us, O God;

make your face shine on us,

that we may be saved.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

***Call to Worship**

Lydia Verburg

Leader: The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you

People: and also with you.

Leader: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

People: Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

Leader: Jesus died and rose again,

People: And we too will rise and live with Him, by his grace. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

#439 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Words: John Oxenham; Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle

Examination

Birgit David, Elder for Adult Education & Retreats

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 wrong doing, 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**

Leader: The God of love and power has forgiven you and freed you from your sins, he has healed and strengthened you by his Spirit, and he has raised you to new life in Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Barbara Bagajo

First Reading

Ephesians 2:13-22 (p. 1174)

Lydia Verburg

Meditation

"Our first duty we have now performed" recit. (Adam & Eve)

"Sweet companion, at thy side...The dew dripping morn" duet (Adam & Eve)

from *The Creation* Hob. XXI: 2

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Tamina Biber, Soprano; Kai Bischoff, Bass-Baritone; Gordon Schultz, Piano

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p. 1188)

Sermon

"Church and Jesus' Return" ("We Believe" Series #7)

Rev. Dennis Wright

The Church –The Church is the body of all believers in Christ, united by the Spirit in all times and places, with Christ as the head. The Church is called to preach the gospel, make and build up disciples, administer the sacraments, support justice and relieve those in distress.

Christ's Return – We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return in power and glory to judge the living and the dead, who will be eternally in fellowship with the triune God or forever condemned and separated from him.

(from IPC draft Statement of Faith; see insert for the full version)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Birgit David

Offertory

“The Trumpet Shall Sound” from *Messiah* HWV 56

Georg Friedrich Händel (1685-1759)

Kai Bischoff, Bass-Baritone; Guillermo Casillas, Trumpet; Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Doxology**

#592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Birgit David

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

Moment for Mission

Harvest Festival

Susan Knüsel

Testimony

Gloria Heusser

***Hymn of Dedication**

#417 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Words: 7th century, Latin; Trans. John Mason Neale

Music: Henry Thomas Smart

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Rev. Dennis Wright

Postlude

Fugue op. 60 Nr. 2 upon BACH in B flat Major

Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

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**.

For children 6 and older: **Today** the children leave the service after the children's message to have a special Sunday School program in the Zelthof lounge, in the church office building. We are hoping that many children will attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 23

13:00: Coffee Fellowship in the French hall

13:00: Lunch & Learn in the Methodist hall

18:00: In-person / Online Evening Worship

Friday, October 28

Nexus Ask Anything - Outreach Event

Saturday, October 29

Youth Boda Borg

Sunday, October 30

10:00: Youth, Bible@10 and Prayer @10

11:30: In-person / Online Morning Worship and Sunday School / Junior Church

13:00: Ministry Fair

18:00: In-person / Online Evening Worship

FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship

Join us in the Methodist Hall across the street for coffee and a chat.

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 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 and Learn today

The Adult Ed & Retreats Committee invite you to join "Lunch and Learn" today and on November 20 after the morning worship service. The topic is our IPC Statement of Faith where there will be opportunities, over a simple lunch, to go deeper into what we believe as well as to discuss and have some of your questions answered by Pastor Dennis. Sign up for November 20 on the website calendar.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS



Harvest Festival

Make a note in your planner to start baking and preparing your harvest goods!

Harvest Festival is Sunday, November 13. This year, the O&M team has chosen the *Charity Mission for People with Disabilities in Straseni, Republic of Moldova* as the beneficiary of the 2022 Harvest Festival collection.

IPC's link to this mission goes back almost 20 years to the time when the ministry was started by Pastor Petru Chirica and his wife Antonina, a teacher, who became parents to a handicapped child. Their dedication and commitment to show God's love to the disabled have been unwavering over all these years.

As a special highlight, we have invited Doina, daughter of Pastor Petru and Antonina, to come to Switzerland and attend our Harvest Festival (morning and evening).

In addition to bringing baked and harvest goods, you can also donate cash in the special envelopes provided in the bulletin on November 6 and 13, by Twint or e-banking.

Love in a Box- Collecting starts today

Our Love in a Box campaign is underway! 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. You will find full instructions on the flyers attached to the boxes. The cost of transporting a box is CHF10.-. Please consider donating this amount with your box. We will collect boxes on – October 30, November 6, 13, 20 or you can drop off at the church office. If you are unable to make up a box yourself perhaps you could give a donation 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Please join us for the next Men's Breakfast on November 2 at 7:00 in the Zelthof Lounge. Jean-Claude Gottraux will be leading us on the topic of "Love your Enemies". As always, coffee/tea and gipfeli will be offered.

YOUTH

Boda Borg

Saturday, October 29. Visit the website for details or email Nathan Wannemacher at nwannemacher@ipc-zurich.org.

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!

Many thanks for coming, 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

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

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