

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



November 27, 2022

11:30

First 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

Fantasy in C Major BWV 570
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 36:5-7

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Anhut family

***Call to Worship**

Lydia Verburg

Leader: Lord, speak to us,

People: that we may hear your Word.

Leader: Do not let us turn to myths or false teachings,

People: but let us remain faithful to your Word.

Leader: Lord, be with our spirits,

People: Let us be refreshed by your grace daily.

***Hymn of Praise**

#391 "Take My Life"

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal; Music: H. A. César Malan

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 4:1-8 (p. 1197)

Lydia Verburg

Meditation

"Good evening to you, master, rejoice!"

Traditional Ukrainian

Yuliia Pynzenyk, Soprano; Ruth Pfister, Organ

Good evening to you, master, rejoice!
Oh rejoice, O earth, the Son of God is born!

Cover the tables, and all the carpets, rejoice!
Oh rejoice, O earth, the Son of God is born!

And bake loaves of spring wheat, rejoice!
Oh rejoice, O earth, for the Son of God is born!

For three feasts will come to visit you, rejoice!
Oh rejoice, O earth, the Son of God is born!

And that first feast is the Nativity of Christ, rejoice!
Oh rejoice, O earth, the Son of God is born!

And that second feast, the feast of St. Basil, rejoice!
Oh rejoice, O earth, the Son of God is born!

And the third feast - Holy Epiphany, rejoice!
Oh rejoice, O earth, the Son of God is born!
Oh rejoice, O earth, the Son of God is born!

Second Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 4:9-22 (p. 1197)

Sermon

“Living in God's Presence”

Rev. Dennis Wright

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#393 “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

Words: Charles William Everest; Music: Attr. Freeman Lewis

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Brian Sparks, Treasurer

Offertory

“The eternal God was born”

Traditional Ukrainian

The eternal God was born,
He came one day from heaven
To save all his people
And was comforted

The star revealed itself to them
On their way to the Lord
On a donkey, on a donkey
She said to them.

Born in Bethlehem
The Messiah, our Christ
And our lord and master
To us is born.

“Three kings, where are you going?”
“We are going to Bethlehem,
We're going to Bethlehem
And return.”

Announced by an angel of God
First to the shepherds
And then to the wise men
And to the beasts of the earth.

They returned another way,
Wicked, shameless,
Godless Herod
They didn't tell him.

The virgin gave birth to the Son,
The star of the hundred,
where Christ is
The virgin of the virgins
Bore her Son.

The angel said to Joseph
“With the child and the womb,
With the calf, with the donkey
Let him be buried.”

Three kings bearing gifts
To the city of Bethlehem
Where the Virgin Mary
Bore a son.

“Glory to God!” – let us sing,
Glory to the Son of God
To the Lord our God
Let us bow down.

***Doxology**

#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Words: Thomas Ken

Music: Genevan Psalter

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication**

#447 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Words: Ernest W. Shurtleff; Music: Henry Thomas Smart

***Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Dennis Wright

Benediction

"Shchedryk, shchedryk, shchedrivochka"

Traditional Ukrainian

Shchedryk, shchedryk, shchedrivochka,
A little swallow flew in

And began to sing
To call the master:

"Come out, come out, master,
Look at the flocks,

Sheep are lying down,
And lambs have been born.

Your goods are all good,
You'll have a full measure of riches,

You've got all the goods you need
You shall have a plenty of riches,

Shchedryk, shchedryk, shchedrivochka,
A little swallow flew in.

Postlude:

Fugue in D Major

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you 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 unavailable.** The meeting ID is **950 9439 6439** and the password is **203719**.

The mobile phone carried by the Safety Officer is 077 526 51 64. Please make sure your children are registered for Sunday School.

IPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 27

13:00: Coffee Fellowship and Bake Sale for Rebecca Chen

14:00: Christmas Play Rehearsal

18:00: In-person / Online Evening Worship

Thursday, December 1

18:30: Proposed Constitutional Amendments Meeting

Saturday, December 3

13:00: Christmas Play Rehearsal

Sunday, December 4

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

11:30: In-person / Online Morning Worship

13:00: Coffee Fellowship and Bookstall

18:00: In-person / Online Evening Worship

PASTORAL SELECTION COMMITTEE (PSC)

Update

The PSC is moving forward in a unified manner with checking references. They are very hopeful in this process. God has been very good.

FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship

Please stop by after morning worship to meet other IPCers and chat.

Baden Hike

The next hike will take place on Saturday, December 10 in Baden.

Starting and ending point: Baden Railway Station East Side (Main entrance)

Starting at 8:30 and finishing at 16:00

Total distance: 12km

Optional spa visit from 16:00-20:00

Please bring lunch. If you plan to visit the spa, bring swimming clothes and slippers.

If you have any questions, please let Rajan know – either via IPC Hiking Fellowship Whatsapp Group (Administrator Vicky Lee can add interested participants in the Whatsapp group) or via email to anburajan@hotmail.com.

ADULT ED

Bible @10

Bible@10 is a weekly profitable Bible study that deepens our love for God and equips us to serve others. We are studying Steven J. Lawson's guidebook on Philipians called *Shining with Joy*. See the website for the study plan and information on purchasing the book.

Dates (2022 / 2023)	Study (two weeks per study)
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)

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Harvest Festival Donations

The O&M Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous contribution to the Harvest Festival Collection. We will be able to send 10'700 CHF to the Charity Mission for Disabled People in Moldova. Doina Chirica enjoyed being with us for the Harvest Festival and sends all of you a heartfelt "thank you!"

Rebecca Chen Commissioning

Rebecca will be going to Cambodia for four months (January-May) as an architecture intern at EMI, Engineering Ministries International. She is grateful for your prayer and financial support. To follow or support her, ask her for one of her flyers. The proceeds at the bake sale at coffee fellowship today will go to her.

Love in a Box

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Love in a Box campaign - it was a great success once again! 75 adult and 113 children's boxes have been collected. Our boxes will help to spread God's love and bring joy to many.

DONATIONS

Changes in Swiss Payment System

As many of you might know, the payment slip system ("Einzahlungsschein") was stopped at the end of September. This means that if you used a payment slip to establish a monthly tithing to IPC, it might not be valid anymore. If you notice that a standing payment is no longer being processed, you need to re-enter it with either an IBAN or a QR code. Please contact Brian Sparks at treasurer@ipc-zurich.org if you need any assistance in re-establishing a standing payment. Thank you!

Finance Report October

	Budget	Actual
Giving	509'000	524'000
Expenses	509'000	448'000
Surplus	0	76'000

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

Nominations for Council Elders

The nomination process for the election of elders to serve on the council from 2023-2025 is underway. The nomination form can be downloaded from the IPC website or picked up from the church office or at the ushers' table. Nominees must be active members of the church. The deadline is December 11. For questions please contact Marco Schnitter at membership@ipc-zurich.org.

Meeting about Proposed Constitutional Changes

Following input received from members of the congregation, the Council of Elders has been working on changes to the IPC Constitution and its By-Laws. Everybody is invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, December 1 at 18:30 in the French Hall at which the council would like to submit a summary of the proposed changes for discussion and review. The proposed changes to the IPC Constitution and By-Laws were sent by email to congregation members.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

“Just Christmas” Concert with Cheyne Davidson and Gordon Schultz

Saturday, December 10 at 19:30 in the French Church

Pick up a flyer from the ushers and visit www.gordonschultz.ch/Just_Christmas.

Carols and Cookies

The Advent season is here! We are celebrating this season of love with carols and cookies. IPC's annual Carols and Cookies event will take place on Sunday, December 11 in the Methodist Hall following the morning service. Bake up a batch or two of your favorite Christmas cookies (or cakes) to share. This year's carols will be led by Janina Wannemacher and Gioia Wunderli.

Nine Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service

We look forward to welcoming everybody to this special service on Saturday, December 24. Please note that this year's service will start at 19:30. If you are planning on being in Zurich, please consider volunteering. The gift of your time will give the regular volunteers a break and you get to serve your IPC community. We need readers, ushers, money counters and security. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Christmas Eve Potluck

Join us to celebrate Christmas with a potluck dinner after the Christmas Eve service. Please sign up now on the website and indicate how many guests and what dish you will bring.

Christmas Day Worship

On Sunday, December 25 there will be morning worship as usual at 11:30 but no evening worship service.

EVENING WORSHIP

Special Outreach Service December 11

The sermon will be seeker-friendly, we will sing Christmas carols during the service and there will be cookies to eat afterwards. On top of that, starting at 15:00 (after the Carols & Cookies event), there will be cookie baking and decorating, up until the start of the evening worship service. The goal of the service is to have a warm and inviting time to reach those around us with the Gospel. So, invite your families, friends, and neighbors to the cookie baking beforehand, and then come and join for a friendly service.

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

For more information about programs and events, visit ipc-zurich.org.

Staff

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Nathan Wannemacher, Ministries Coordinator
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Deacons

Boopathy Dhanapal, Patty Jehle, Jürg Kessler (Head Deacon), Johnson Oduwaiye, Juliane Sparks and Giannina Wild

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. More details on the webpage. Please prayerfully consider giving via bank online transfer, Twint or Paypal.

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