

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



December 5, 2021
12:00



Growing together and reaching out in Christ

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Nathan and Janina Wannemacher

Prelude

Toccata in F Major BuxWV 157

Dietrich Buxtehude 1637 - 1707

Meditation on the Psalm of the Day

Psalm 27:1-5

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

*Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: **Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God

People: **Whose light brings hope to a weary world.**

*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; alt

Text: Charles Wesley, 1744

See following page

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Charles Wesley, 1744

Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; alt.

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,
4. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Examination (Psalm 139:1-6, 23-24)

Leader: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

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.

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

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

“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

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Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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 has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men."

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

New Testament Reading

John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was with God in the beginning.³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John.⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Meditation

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" (Divinum Mysterium)

Music: Later for of plainsong melody in *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413)

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1854 and Henry William Baker, 1859

Sermon

"God Moved into the Neighborhood"

David Martin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response

"O Word of God Incarnate"

Music: *Neuvermehrtes Meinungisches Gesangbuch*, 1693;

Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

Text: William Walsham How, 1867

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O Word of God Incarnate

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William Walsham How, 1867
As in *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987

Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from You, dear Sav - ior, Re - ceived this gift di - vine,
3. O ' make Your church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed On all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old;

We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - dering pil - grims By this our path to trace,

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
A - mid the rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, We see You face to face.

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Chee Mui, Elder for Congregational Care

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

“A Christmas Carol”

Music & Text: Charles Ives, 1897

*Doxology

SERVICE MUSIC

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Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH 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 bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea-tures here be-low; Praise *Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men." The asterisks in the original image indicate the beginning of a new phrase.

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here be-low; Praise *Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Testimony

Barbara Bagajo

Prayers of the People

Chee Mui Yap, Elder for Congregational Care

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

Announcements

*Hymn of Dedication

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739

31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7 D with refrain

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King.
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
*3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing". It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with three verses. The first verse is "Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, 'Glo - ry to the new-born King." The second verse is "Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!" The third verse is "*3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!"

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

**Descant and alternate harmonization for stanza 3, 32*

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Tonstück op 22 Nr. 1 Moderato
 Nils Willem Gade 1817 - 1890

*Please stand if you are able.

Serving Today:

Preacher: David Martin

Morning Worship Music Coordinator: Chandler Cudlipp

Musicians: Chandler Cudlipp, Tenor; Ruth Pfister, Organ

Elder: Chee Mui Yap, Elder for Congregational Care

Ushers: Christof and Lay Kheng Lindenstruth

Altar Guild: Samantha Leung

Zoom Livestream: Chile Anhut & Miriam McHome

Sound: Michal Partl

Prayer Team: Barbara Bagajo and Christina Gautschi

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.

This Week at IPC:

Sunday, December 5

- 13:30: Coffee Hour
- 15:30: Young People's Bible Study
- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship

Sunday, December 12

- 9:30: Online Bible@10
- 10:30: Youth
- 12:00: Combined Morning Worship / Carols & Cookies Service
- 12:00: Online Morning Worship
- 13:45: Carols & Cookies
- 16:00: Czech Mission Trip Meeting
- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship

Announcements:

Mission trip

This coming summer we are planning a mission trip to the Czech Republic. IPC has partnered with Josiah Venture twice in the past few years. Together we have worked to send teams of students to do mission work in a summer camp.

If you are interested in joining, supporting or praying for the trip, please come to the info meeting on Sunday, December 12. We will meet at 16:00 below the Methodist sanctuary.

Nominations for 2022–2024 Elders

January 2022 is only 2 months away and preparations have begun for the Annual Congregational Meeting. One such preparation is the nomination of potential elders. A number of elders will be stepping down next year and we will need to find people to fill these positions. The council are calling for nominations from the congregation to fill the open council elder positions. Please use the form available from the ushers to submit your nominations.

Part-time Office Admin Assistant

IPC is looking for a temporary part-time (40%) administrative assistant to serve in the church office from January to June 2022. The administrative assistant will work with the other office staff, the pastor and the elders to help ensure that IPC runs well. More details on the website. Please send applications by 15 December to personnel@ipc-zurich.org

Christmas Celebrations

Youth Group Christmas Party

Saturday, December 11 // French Church Hall // 17:00-21:00

Join us for an evening of fun, a gift exchange, food, a photo booth, and various Christmas festivities!

Please bring a gift (CHF15.- max.) for the gift exchange. Dress in your Christmas best! (or an ugly Christmas sweater, if you have one!)

Carols & Cookies

Sunday, December 12

'Tis the season to be jolly! Come and join the merry chorus of carols.

We will have a combined service and Carols & Cookies event. This special service will include both traditional and contemporary Christmas music; a performance by the P.O.S.T. children; a warm meal in the Methodist Hall followed by caroling and cookies. We would love to ring in the Christmas spirit together as a congregation, so don't wait to sign up! See the website or call the office to reserve your seat and help us cater sufficiently. This is a certificate required event.

Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve, December 24 // French Church // 18:00

We look forward to welcoming everybody to this special service. If you would like to invite friends and family to join this year, please pick up a special edition Christmas Eve service invite postcard from the ushers or from the office. If you are planning to be in Zurich, please consider volunteering at the service. The gift of your time will give the regular volunteers a break and you get to serve your IPC community.

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) us 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.

Headsets for hearing aids are available. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

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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