

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



March 6, 2022
First Sunday of Lent
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 C Major, BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 10:12-14

Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God.

Do not forget the helpless.

Why does the wicked man revile God?

Why does he say to himself,

“He won’t call me to account”?

But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted;

you consider their grief and take it in hand.

The victims commit themselves to you;

you are the helper of the fatherless.

*Call to Worship

Kay Stobaugh

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

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: William Croft (1678-1727)

See the following page

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our
2. Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or
4. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are

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hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is Thine
earth re - ceived her frame, From ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone; Short as the watch that

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storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home!
arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. Time, like an everrolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Examination

Leader: 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

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: 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

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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

Children are dismissed to their classrooms

Moment 4 Mission

The Shan – Our Adopted People Group

Remi Tobler

Old Testament Reading

Kay Stobaugh

Genesis 3:1-11

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "

⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.

⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

Meditation

Trio in F Major

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713 – 1786)

New Testament Reading

Kay Stobaugh

1 John 4:1-6

¹ Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

² This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. ⁴ You, dear children,

are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.⁵ They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.⁶ We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

Sermon

“Test the spirit ...” good or evil.

Rev. Dennis Wright

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1664

Music: John Ireland, 1918

My Song Is Love Unknown

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LOVE UNKNOWN 6.6.6.6.4.4.4.4

Samuel Crossman, 1664

John Ireland, 1918

1. My song is love un - known, My Sav-ior's love to me, Love
 2. Christ came from heav-en's throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow, But
 3. Some - times they strew His way, And His sweet prais-es sing, Re -
 4. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made a - way; A
 5. Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di - vine: Nev -

to the love - less shown That they might love - ly be. O who am
 peo - ple scorned and none The longed-for Christ would know. But O my
 sound-ing all the way Ho - san - nas to their King. Then “Cru - ci -
 mur - der - er they save; The Prince of life they slay. Yet stead-fast
 er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like Thine. This is my

I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
 Friend, My Friend in - deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
 fy!” Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.
 He To suf - fering goes, That He His foes From thence might free.
 Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could glad - ly spend.

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Piotr Soluch
Elder for Evening Worship

Offertory

Andante religioso from Sonata op. 65 Nr. 4 in B flat Major
Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

*Doxology

SERVICE MUSIC

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Doxology

OLD HUNDREDETH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

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.

Prayers of the People

Piotr Soluch

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

Passing of Peace

Announcements

*Hymn of Dedication

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Text: George Matheson, 1882

Music: Albert Lister Peace, 1884

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling. Joy of heaven, to
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er. Let us all Thy
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion: Pure and spot - less

earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
let us be: Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion

All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee: Changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Tonstück op. 22 Nr. 1 Moderato
 Niels Wilhelm Gade (1817 – 1890)

*Please stand if you are able.

Serving Today:

Preacher: Rev. Dennis Wright
 Youth Intern: Nathan Wannemacher
 Morning Worship Music Coordinator: Chandler Cudlipp
 Musicians: Ruth Pfister, Organ
 Elder: Piotr Soluch
 Reader: Kay Stobaugh
 Ushers: Jeff Anhut and Stefan Altermatt
 Altar Guild: Samantha Leung
 Zoom Livestream: Fleur Fahner & Matt Kägi
 Sound: Pawel Marciniak

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.

20 years celebration of the adoption of the Shan people

In March 2002, IPC as a congregation “adopted” the Shan people group of Myanmar (formerly known as Burma). This adoption represents a commitment by our IPC family to help spread the Gospel to the Shan people, most of whom do not yet know Jesus.

The Shan are a little-reached people group. Less than 2% are Christian. Most of the Shan still believe that to be Shan is to be Buddhist. However, they are not just Buddhist, but also follow many animistic traditions by trying to appease the spirits. The local temple is the center of their communities, and most male children will spend at least some of their lives as monks there.

God has impacted the Shan through IPC’s adoption in many ways. For example, IPC:

- Financially contributed to the production and distribution of literature in the Shan language.
- Helped fund a newer and easier-to-understand version of the Bible that was published 2002. This version is now used by many Shan over their regions.
- Supported the radio ministry reaching out to thousands in remote areas.
- Assisted in the education of Shan children.
- Contributed towards leadership training seminars, evangelistic work, and church planting.
- Supported young girls who came to know Jesus to enter scholarship programs in vocational colleges and universities.
- Sent and supported long-term and short-term missionaries to work directly with the Shan.
- Supported the annual AIDS Care Project reaching out to Shan families.

IPC Calendar:

Sunday, March 6, 2022

- 13:30: Shan Event & Coffee Fellowship
- 13:30: TeenStreet Info Meeting
- 16:00: Afternoon Youth Group
- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship
- 19:30: Teenstreet Info Meeting
- 19:30: Shan Event & Fellowship Dinner

Announcements

In memory

Heike Lippman, a long time IPC missionary passed away last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family in Germany. Please contact the office for the family address and funeral information.

Evening Youth Group Today!

Our youth program is expanding! From today there will be a youth group meeting before the evening service. The morning youth group will continue as normal.

Every Sunday, 16:00-17:30 // Methodist basement room, S3. Ages:12-18.

TeenStreet Info Meeting Today!

13:30-14:00 and **19:15-19:45**

We will have information sessions about what TeenStreet is and past visitors will share testimonies and answer any questions.

Coffee Fellowship & Shan Celebration

- have a piece of anniversary cake with your tea or coffee
- view the video update from the Goodmans
- send the children to make a blessing card for Shan children (adults also welcome!)
- visit the info table to get an overview of the last 20 years!

All-church Retreat - Save the date

May 13-15

This all-church retreat will be in Einsiedeln. More details to follow.

Sermon Study Guide for Home Groups

Pastor Dennis provides study guide questions for use in the week prior to each sermon. These are available on the sermons page of the IPC website.

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.

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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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. All details on the website.

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