

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



October 9, 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 BWV 552
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32:8-9

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Do not be like the horse or the mule,

which have no understanding

but must be controlled by bit and bridle

or they will not come to you.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

***Call to Worship**

Betty Wegmann

Leader: Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**People: Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise**

#327 "O Word of God Incarnate"

Words: William Walsham How

Music: *Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*

Examination

Birgit David, Elder for Adult Education & Retreats

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

People: call upon him while he is near.

Leader: Let the wicked abandon their ways

People: and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Leader: Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;

People: to our God who will richly pardon.

Leader: Let us silently search our hearts, and confess to God our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Our loving God,

we confess that we have been unfaithful

to our covenant with you and with one another.

We have worshiped other gods: money, power, comfort, and convenience.

We have served our own desires instead of serving you.

We have not loved you and our neighbor as you have commanded.

**People: Forgive us, gracious God,
and bring us back into the fullness
of our covenant with you and one another.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is slow to anger and full of compassion.

He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

People: Amen.

*Gloria Patri

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

(pp. 394, 395-396)

Betty Wegmann

Meditation

Fugue in C Major BWV 943

Johann Sebastian Bach

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 3:15-17 (pp. 1196-1197)

Sermon

“God's Holy Bible” (“We Believe” Series #5)

Rev. Dennis Wright

We believe that the Old and New Testaments of the 2 Kings 23:1-4, 21-25 Bible are the revealed Word of God, divinely inspired by God's Spirit and recorded through human authors. The Bible is wholly true, inerrant, trustworthy, and authoritative in every matter of belief and conduct, revealing God's will and guiding us in faith and action. Scripture is understood through prayerful study, which is guided and illumined by the Holy Spirit.

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

#331 “Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written”

Words: R. T. Brooks; Music: Peter Cutts

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Birgit David

Offertory

Flötenuhrstück Wo033 Nr. 3 in F Major

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 – 1827)

*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

Birgit David

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Barbara Bagajo

The Shan

***Hymn of Dedication**

#538 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Words: Attr. John Fawcett; Music: Sicilian melody

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Rev. Dennis Wright

Postlude

Fantasy op. 176 in D Minor

Gustav Adolf Merkel (1827-1885)

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: today the nursery room is unavailable

If you need to leave the service with your child, you may join the Zoom simulcast on your phone. The meeting ID is **950 9439 6439** and the password is **203719**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 9

13:00: Coffee Fellowship and Bookstall

18:00: In-person / Online Evening Worship with Communion

19:30: Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, October 16

10:00: Bible@10 and Prayer @10

11:30: In-person / Online Morning Worship

13:00: Coffee Fellowship

18:00: In-person / Online Evening Worship

FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship

Come and join us in the Methodist Hall across the street for coffee and a chat after morning worship.

International Potluck Announcement

We are planning on sending a special e-newsletter to acknowledge those of you who worked especially hard to make the event happen, and to share some photos and videos. If you'd like to share any photos or videos you took with the congregation, please email the cloud storage link to office@ipc-zurich.org. If you would not like pictures of you or your family members to be published, please contact the office.

PASTORAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

Update

The PSC met on October 2 to review the initial candidates for the senior pastor position. Thirty applications were submitted and we identified six promising candidates. Our next step is to review their sermons, public writings, and social media over the next few weeks as we prepare for the interview stage. Please continue to pray for us and these pastors as we work together to identify God's will for our church.

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 16, 23	1. Joy-filled prayer (Phil 1:1-11)
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)

Save the Date: Lunch and Learn

The Adult Ed & Retreats Committee will be organizing two "Lunch and Learn" sessions on October 23 and November 20 after our morning worship services. The topic will be 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 Senior Pastor Dennis. Sign up on the website: <https://www.ipc-zurich.org/events/event/1804/lunch-learn/2022-10-23>.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Month of Prayer for the Shan*

This year, too, the call to prayer is more urgent than ever as the aftermath of last year's coup and the pandemic have left the peoples of Myanmar in dire straits. Let's call upon the Lord for our adopted people group! And for those of you who are interested and able, we encourage a fast every Tuesday for this coming month of October. For daily prayer pointers, see www.facebook.com/pray4ShanTai or sign up by writing to prayfortheshan@gmail.com.

(If you have signed up in the past, there is no need to do so again).

*IPC's adopted people group since March 3, 2002

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.

GIVING

Finance Report September

	Budget	Actual
Giving	458'000	478'000
Expenses	458'000	404'000
Surplus	0	74'000

Swiss Payment Changes

Switzerland is changing their payment process from payment slips to QR codes starting October 1. For most of us on the bill paying side, there is nothing to be done but use the new codes sent to us. However, if you have set up a standing order to donate money to IPC using a payment slip or just the account number (not the IBAN), the standing order will no longer be processed. If you are unsure if your standing order will function or not, it is recommended to replace it with a new standing order using the new QR code, which the office (office@ipc-zurich.org) or treasurer can provide. The code is also on the back of the bulletin and the website. Please contact Brian Sparks at treasurer@ipc-zurich.org if you have any questions and thanks for your generosity.

YOUTH

No Youth Group: October 9, 16 or 23 (school holidays)

Boda Borg

Our next event will be a visit to Boda Borg on Saturday, October 29. Visit the website for details or email Nathan Wannemacher at nwannemacher@ipc-zurich.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

October 16 and 23

During the Zurich Fall Break children 1-5 years old are invited to the French Church basement starting at 11:20 for their special Sunday School program including a Bible lesson, activities, games and snacks. There will be a children's message, activity booklets and sermon notes sheets in the worship service for children 6 and older.

ADDITIONAL INFO

Looking for New People to Run the Bookstall

The bookstall at IPC has been going on for decades but now we are looking for "new blood" to take over. We will be having two sales this fall: October 2 and December 4. Hopefully by then we will have found those who feel called to this ministry and would like to take it over. Thank you for buying, but even more so, reading the books!

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

Staff

Rev. Dennis Wright, Interim Pastor
Nathan Wannemacher, Ministries Coordinator
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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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