

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



December 19, 2021
12:00



Growing together and reaching out in Christ

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, please meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Little Prelude No. 8 in B-flat Major, BWV 560
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Meditation on the Psalm of the Day

Psalm 96:1-6

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Dennis and Lois Wright

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

People: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

**People: for great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes
to dwell among us.**

***Hymn of Praise**

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Words: Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849; Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

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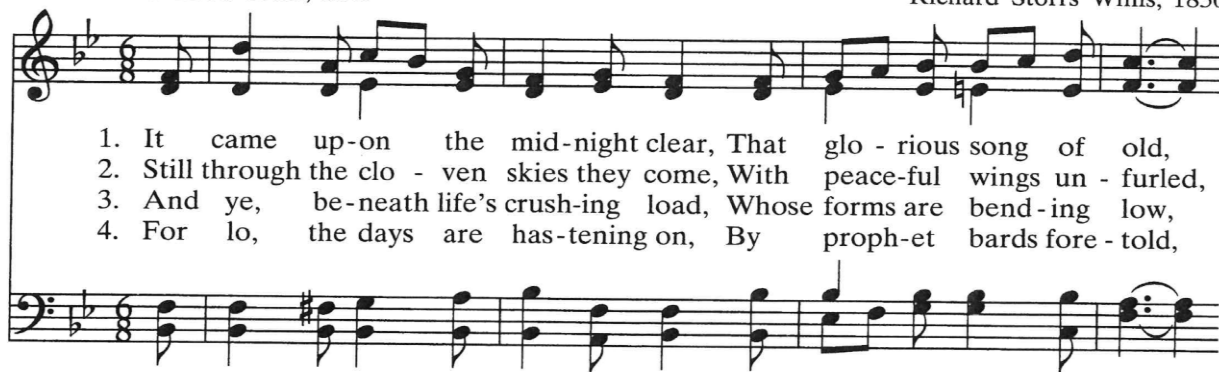
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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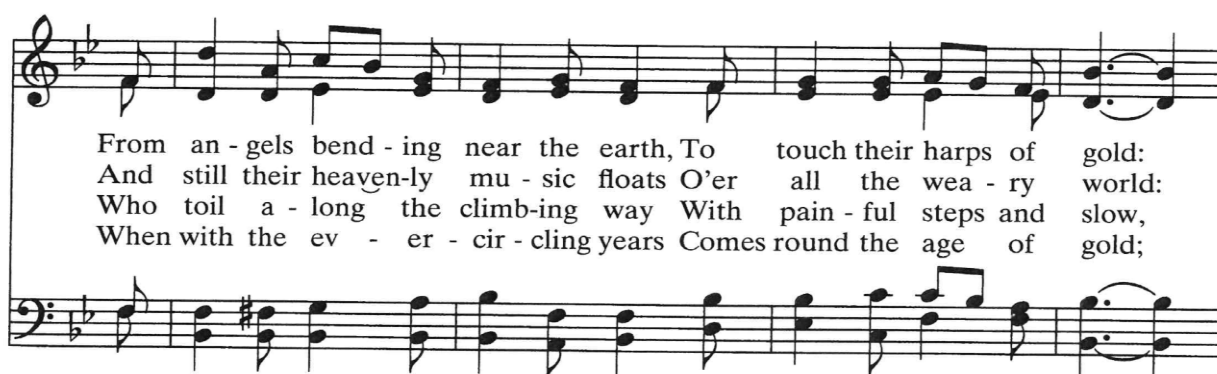
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Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849

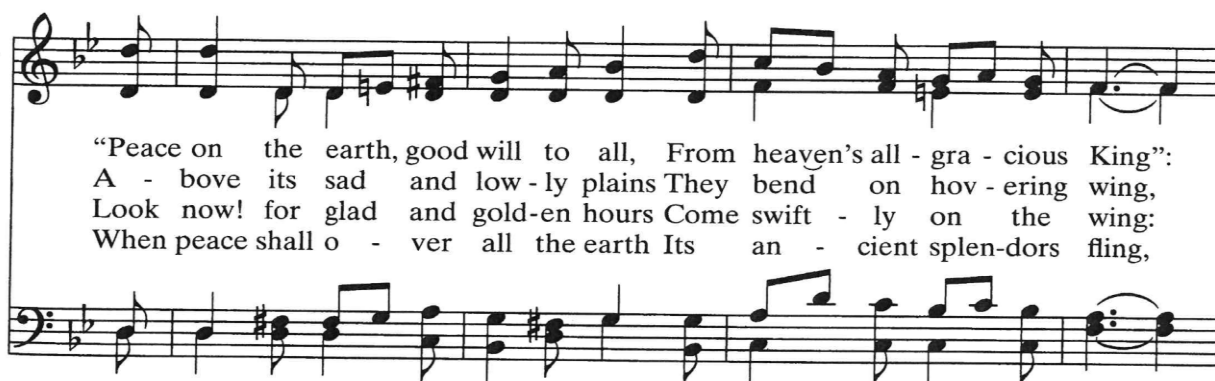
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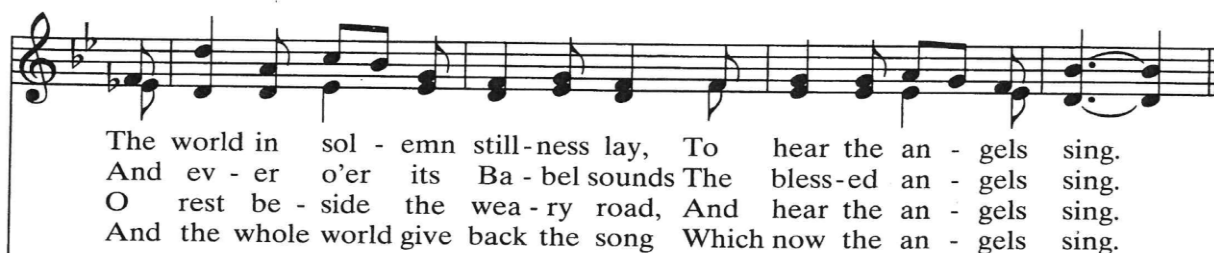
1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un - furled,
3. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, Whose forms are bend-ing low,
4. For lo, the days are has-tening on, By proph-et bards fore - told,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world:
Who toil a - long the climb-ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all - gra - cious King":
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - ering wing,
Look now! for glad and gold-en hours Come swift - ly on the wing:
When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still-ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless-ed an - gels sing.
O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing.
And the whole world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Examination

God of grace, help us to admit our sins. As you come to us in mercy, let us repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

People: We have failed to be a people obedient to you. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus, “being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross (Philippians 2:6-11)!”

Because of Jesus, we are truly forgiven. Praise God!

*Gloria Patri

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Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). 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." The score consists of three systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Jeff Anhut

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7, Isaiah 7:14

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Meditation

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"

Text and Music: Robert MacGimsey, Arr. Gordon Schultz

Cheyne Davidson, Baritone; Gordon Schultz, Piano

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:8-20

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Sermon

"Christmas Introduces God to Us"

Rev. Dennis Wright

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

What Child Is This

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GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7 with refrain

English ballad, 16th century


William Chatterton Dix, c. 1871

Arr. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871


Em D G D Em Am B




1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.




Em D G D Em Am B Em^{sus4} Em




Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.



Bm G D Em Am B



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;



Bm G D Em Am B Em^{sus4} Em



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!



Minute for Mission

Jeff Anhut

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Marco Schnitter, Elder for Membership

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

“Unto Us a Child Is Born”

Text and Music: Pepper Choplin (Text adapted from Isaiah 9:6-7)

Cheyne Davidson, Baritone; Gordon Schultz, Piano

*Doxology

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures here be - low; Praise *Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

Prayers of the People

Marco Schnitter

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

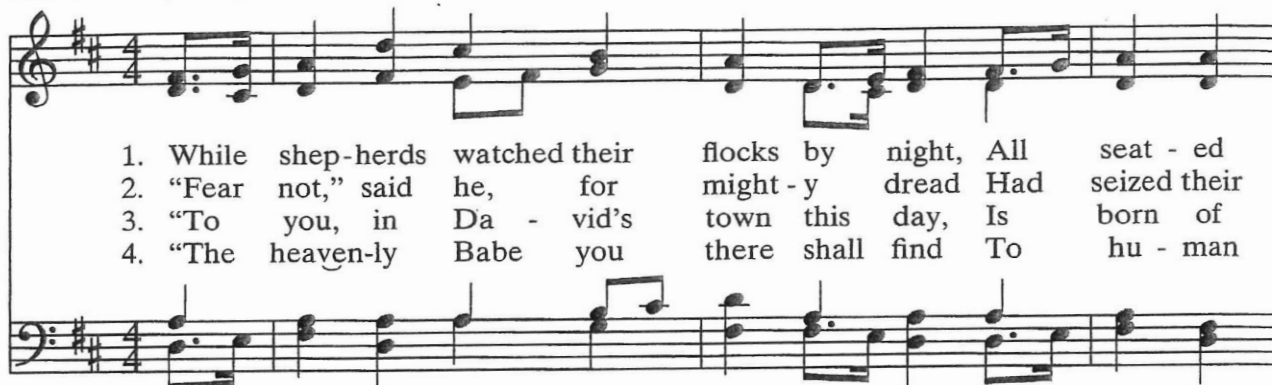
*Hymn of Dedication

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CHRISTMAS CM with repeat

George Frederick Handel, 1728
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1821

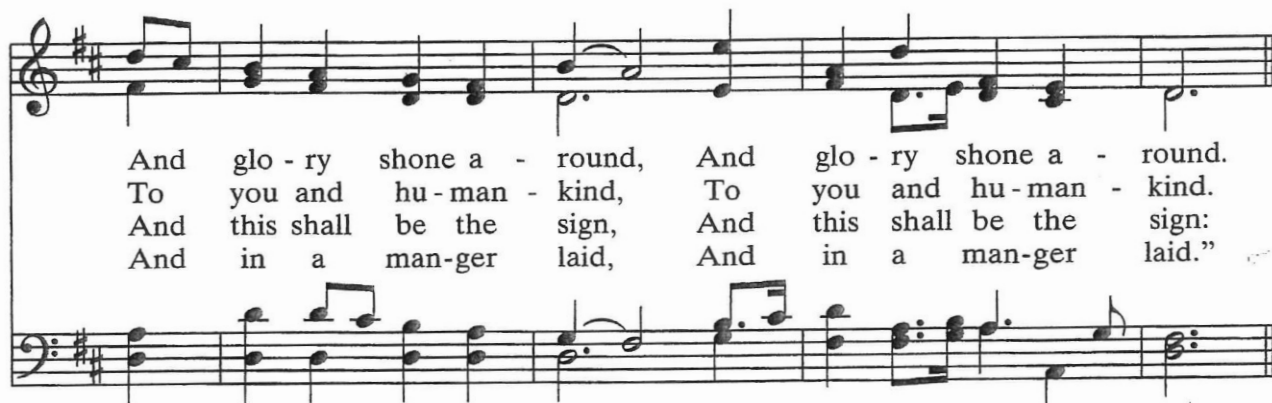
Nahum Tate, 1700; alt. 1987



1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread Had seized their
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, Is born of
4. "The heav-en-ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man



on the ground, The an - gel of the Lord came down,
trou - bled mind; "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring
Da - vid's line The Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord,
view dis - played, All hum - bly wrapped in swath-ing bands,



And glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - ry shone a - round.
To you and hu - man - kind, To you and hu - man - kind.
And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign:
And in a man-ger laid, And in a man-ger laid."

5. Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song,
Addressed their joyful song:

6. "All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace:
Good will to all from highest heaven
Begin and never cease!
Begin and never cease!"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Benediction Solo

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Text: Priestly Blessing Music: John Rutter

Cheyne Davidson, Baritone; Ruth Pfister, Organ

Postlude

Allegro maestoso from Sonata, op. 65, Nr. 5 in D Major

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

***Please stand if you are able.**

Serving Today:

Preacher: Rev. Dennis Wright

Morning Worship Music Coordinator: Chandler Cudlipp

Musicians: Ruth Pfister, Organ; Gordon Schultz, Piano

Elder: Marco Schnitter, Elder for Membership

Reader: Carolyn Pecher

Ushers: Paul and Eva Nelson

Altar Guild: Eva Nelson

Zoom Livestream: Stefan Heuberger & Chile Anhut

Sound: Lawrence Wilkinson

Prayer Team: Barbara and Christina

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**.

IPC Calendar:

Sunday, December 19

- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship
- 19:00: Fellowship

Friday, December 24

- 18:00: Nine Lessons & Carols
- Fellowship

Sunday, December 26

- 12:00: In-person/Online Morning Worship
- NO Evening Worship Service

Sunday, January 2, 2022

- 12:00: In-person/Online Morning Worship
- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship

Sunday, January 5, 2022

- 7:00: Men's Breakfast, led by Pastor Dennis Wright

Announcements:

Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

Save the date: the ACM will be held January 30, 2022. Although we hope to meet in person, we cannot know if the rules will change before then. We will keep you informed. -- The Council

Nominations for 2022–2024 Elders

A number of elders will be stepping down next year and we will need to find people to fill these positions. The council is 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 by December 20 (tomorrow).

Treasurer's Update

	Budget	Actual
Giving	634 000	536 000
Expenses	634 000	618 000
Deficit	0	-82 000

Bible@10

New study starting on January 16.

Come join us at Bible@10 as Phillip Jensen's study guide takes us through Paul's letters to Timothy in seven Bible studies for small groups. Come even if you cannot be part of it every Sunday – you will still profit from the study and enjoy the group. On Zoom at 9:30 every Sunday. See the study plan on the website.

Christmas 2021

Christmas Collection Envelopes



Christmas
collection

This year, donations will go to Netz4 and Chrischtehüsli, two local organizations, that we have supported in previous years. They help people on the fringe of society; some of whom live on the streets of Zurich. Many people are in distress in these difficult times and at the beginning of winter. The help provided is very practical and consists mainly of food, lodging, administrative and spiritual support.

This year's Christmas collection gives the IPC congregation another opportunity to show solidarity with needy people in our neighborhood. Please use the donation envelopes or the Twint QR code to make your donation.

Nine Lessons & 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. Stay after the service for a drink and some Christmas cheer.

Office Hours: Please Email or Call

The office is closed from December 24 to January 3.

In an emergency please contact the pastor (076 329 55 25).

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.

Activity booklets and sermon notes pages for children are available on the table just outside the sanctuary.

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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