

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



November 20, 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

Grave from Toccata septima
Georg Muffat (1653 – 1704)
Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 34:4-7

I sought the Lord, and he answered me;

he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant;

their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;

he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,

and he delivers them.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

***Call to Worship**

Mei-yiu Held

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**

#339 "Be Thou My Vision"

Text: Ancient Irish poem, Trans. Mary E. Byrne; Music: Irish ballad

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.**

Leader: Please join me in silent confession.

Prayer of Confession

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 are sorry for the sins we have done against you. 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**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

***Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Testimony and Commissioning

Rebecca Chen

Scripture Reading

Mei-yiu Held

2 Timothy 3:1-17 (pp. 1196-1197)

Sermon

"Living in the Last Days" (2 Timothy series #3)

Rev. Dennis Wright

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#327 "O Word of God Incarnate"

Text: William Walsham How

Music: *Neuvermehrtes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Dorli Scherer, Elder for
Children's Ministry

Offertory

Allegro from "Magnificat" in G major op. 41 Nr. 2

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Sebastian Bergholz, Organ

***Doxology**

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

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Dorli Scherer

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

Dorli Scherer

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication**

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Text: George Duffield, Jr. (1818-1888); Music: Adam Geibel (1855-1933)

See following pages.

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Unison

1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the
 2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The trum - pet call o -
 3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Stand in His strength a -
 4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The strife will not be

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cross; Lift high His roy - al ban - ner, It must not suf - fer
 bey; Forth to the might - y con - flict, In this His glo - rious
 lone; The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your
 long; This day the noise of bat - tle, The next, the vic - tor's

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loss: From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His
 day: Ye who are men, now serve Him A -
 own: Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, Each
 song: To him who o - ver - com - eth A

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ar - my shall He lead, Till ev - 'ry foe is
 gainst un - num - bered foes; Let cour - age rise with
 piece put on with pray'r; Where du - ty calls, or
 crown of life shall be; He, with the King of

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van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
 dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.
 dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
 glo - ry, Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Parts

Stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross; Lift
 stand up

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high His royal banner, It must not, it must not suf - fer loss.

Postlude

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux
Nicolas de Grigny 1672 - 1703
Ruth Pfister, Organ

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:

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 available (but not staffed).** 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 20

No Coffee Fellowship

13:00: Lunch and Learn

17:00: Ruth Pfister Organ Concert

18:00: In-person / Online Evening Worship

19:30: Bake Sale for Rebecca Chen

Friday, November 25

Nexus Murder Mystery Night

Saturday, November 26

Women's Retreat

Youth Bowling

Sunday, November 27

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

11:30: In-person / Online Morning Worship and Sunday School

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

14:00: Christmas Play Rehearsal

18:00: In-person / Online Evening Worship

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with deep sadness that we inform the congregation of the passing of Esther Haskell on October 31. Her funeral was held among close friends and family this past week. Esther requested that you bring joy to someone by sending them flowers in her memory.

Mourning address: Christian Tobler (brother), Rossackerstr. 121, 8047 Zürich

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 Hour

Unfortunately the French Hall is unavailable today for coffee hour. Please join the "Lunch & Learn" session in the Methodist Hall. See below for details.

ADULT ED

Bible @10

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)
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)

Lunch and Learn

The Adult Ed & Retreats Committee invites you to join the 2nd installment of "Lunch and Learn" today after the morning worship service. The topic is the IPC Statement of Faith and there will be opportunities to go deeper into what we believe. After a brief introduction by Pastor Dennis, we will have lunch where you will have the opportunity to discuss the theme ("Man and his destiny in Christ") at your lunch tables and to put forth questions for Pastor Dennis to briefly address before he sums up the session.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

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, see her flyer.

Love in a Box

Today is the last day to drop off your boxes.

Please drop off your wrapped boxes outside the church, before or after both services.

If you were unable to prepare a box, perhaps you could contribute to the costs of a box. Use the cash donation box or the Twint QR code.



Winter Coat Drive for Ukraine

Sally Johnston (Day Away founder) is organizing a winter coat drive for the Ukraine. A truck will stop at the IPC office on Tuesday, November 29 to pick up any donations we have. Please bring children's and adults' winter coats next Sunday, November 27.

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. 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 this week to congregation members.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

All-Church Christmas Play

Our Christmas Play this year is called "Into the Light" and will involve everyone who is present in the morning worship service on December 4. A narrator will tell the Christmas story by reading different Bible texts. Sunday School children as well as youth will be the actors. The congregation will also get some roles spontaneously and will provide the music by singing songs or carols that are well known and come from different musical genres. At the end of the play, Pastor Dennis will give a 4-minute sermon on what Christmas is all about!

"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 coming! 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 at the service. 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, etc. 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.

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

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Nathan Wannemacher, Ministries Coordinator
Laura Fisher, Administrative Assistant
Bev Visser, Administrative Assistant
Ruth Pfister, Organist

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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. Please prayerfully consider giving via bank online transfer, Twint or Paypal.

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