

St. Peter's Church



St. Peter's is the oldest church in Zürich; it stands close by the ruins of a late Roman fortress at the Lindenhof and its origins go back to pre-900. It is first mentioned in 857, when King Louis the German gave it as a gift to two of his daughters, of whom one became the first abbess of the Fraumünster at the time when the Fraumünster was founded. The first mayor Rudolf Brun, buried in 1360 in the choir of the church, acquired St. Peter's in 1345 with all the associated privileges (church tax) and obligations. He now has a grave and monument by the outer tower wall. The first reformed pastor, Leo Jud (1523-1542), was a friend of Zwingli and contributed to the first translation of the bible in Zürich. J.C. Lavater (writer, physiognomist, friend of the young Goethe) was pastor from 1778-1801. His gravestone can be seen in the church wall, and there is a memorial to him in the church choir. Architectural features: late Romanesque-Gothic tower, chori early 13th century, Baroque nave (1705/06), first new Reformed church built in Zürich. Stucco work by Salomon Bürkli from Zürich and Franz Schmutzer from Wessobrunn. Font dates from 1598, Europe's largest church clock face (8.7 m diameter), five bells dating from 1880, fire-watchers in the tower until 1911.

Address:

St. Peterskirche
St. Peterhofstatt
8001 Zürich

Open hours:

Mon-Fri 8am-6pm; Sat 9am-4pm; Sun noon-5pm; Worship: Sun 10am