



## THE VIENNA COMMUNITY CHURCH



### ***Come As You Are!***

The Lord has the power to change lives and the world!

*"I am the way and the truth and the life."*

John 14:6

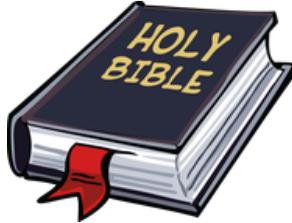
### **Worship: Sunday at 12 Noon**

With Child Care and Sunday School

**Dorotheergasse 16, 1010 Vienna**

We are a Bible-based, English-speaking,  
international, interdenominational, ecumenical,  
friendly and welcoming community.

**Pastor: Dr. Gábor Lassu**



## Bible Reading

### Luke 2:8-20 (NIV)

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 Notes

# PRAISE AND WORSHIP

9 December 2018

11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION

## *Gathering in God's Presence*

**Prelude**

Fiona Pollak

**Choral Invocation**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

VCC Choir

**Greeting**

Pastor Gábor

**Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent**

Bettina Hartlieb, Euripedes Ribeiro, and Isabella

### ● **Call to Worship**

**Pastor:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

**All: Come, let us worship the God, Whose light brings hope to the world.**

● **Opening Hymn**      *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*      #125

### ● **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love. We have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, Free us from our captivity, Free us to a life lived in joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ● **Declaration of Forgiveness**

**Pastor:** Hear, then, the good news of the Gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### ● **Passing the Peace**

**Pastor:** The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us extend the Peace of Christ to one another.

## *Time with the Children*

Change for a Change



# What's Happening

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE: <http://viennacommunitychurch.com>  
Unless otherwise stated, all events take place at the **Meeting Point,**  
**39/3 Untere Donaustraße, 1020 Vienna**

**new** MEMBER  
SUNDAY

**December 16th**

Is God leading you to be part of our church family? If yes, and you need more information, please let me know! We would be delighted to welcome you! **Pastor Gábor** [pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com](mailto:pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com)



**TUESDAY, December 11th at 10am**

Ladies' Morning Bible Study hosted by Tertia Bair



**WEDNESDAY, December 12th at 7 pm**

Film Night - A Christmas Carol



**MONDAY, December 17th at 7 pm**

Bible+ Hosted by Dr. David Nolland

What is Ecumenism? A discussion on the history of ecumenism and how it applies to our own sense of identity as the VCC.



**PRAYER CHAIN:** [prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com](mailto:prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com)



**OUR DAILY DEVOTION:** <https://utmost.org>

**TRADITIONAL HOLY COMMUNION**  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 23RD AT 12PM**  
**(no communion on Sunday Dec 30th)**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
**MONDAY DECEMBER 24TH AT 9PM**

# THE ADVENT WREATH

An Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches, with four candles that represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, reminding us to pray and offer up little sacrifices to help prepare the way for Jesus. The candle for the third week of Advent is rose, reminding us to be joyful since the birth of Jesus is drawing near. Some Advent wreaths include a white Christ candle which is lit at Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day, symbolizing Jesus, the Son of God and son of Mary, born to be our Savior and Lord.



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can be found at the ends of the pews. Please print your request clearly and  
place the completed form in one of the offering baskets.

**Thank you!**

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Funding of VCC comes solely from the gifts of members, friends, and visitors. If you would like to support this congregation's ministry, please put your gift into the offering-basket: envelopes on the pew-racks are provided for your use. **All currencies** are welcome, as are **electronic transfers** to VCC's account:

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at the ERSTE Bank, (Bank Code / BLZ 20111) and **checks (cheques)**. For **U.S.A. tax credit**, please make checks **payable to AFCU (American and Foreign Christian Union)** and write **"Vienna Community Church"** on the memo line. Checks may also be **mailed to AFCU, AFCU Treasurer, 2885 Sanford Ave. SW #29934 Grandville, MI 49418 U.S.A.** (note new address)

## **CONTACT US**

If you would like to contact our pastor, you can reach him on: [pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com](mailto:pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com) If you have any other questions or like to know more about our church, choir, publications or gatherings, please contact us via email: [info@viennacommunitychurch.com](mailto:info@viennacommunitychurch.com)

## **MEETING POINT**

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## **THANK YOU TO ALL SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Pastor: Dr. Gábor Lassu  
Choir Director: Cassandra McConnell  
Organist: Tomasz Piętak  
Guest Organist: Fiona Pollak  
Sunday School: Linda Bednar  
Bulletin Editor: Dr. David Nolland  
Greeters & Ushers: David Nolland & Katrin Karschat  
Reader: Katrin Karschat  
Flowers: Elmira (for God's Love) & Susan Kanzajan

**Goodbye, Auf Wiedersehen, Totsiens, さようなら**  
**Paalam, Tchau, Kwaheri, Viszontlátásra!**

***Through Many Cultures, One Faith***  
***We Praise God by Reaching People for Christ!***

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