



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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

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2 December 2018

12:00 noon

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude

Tomasz Piętak

Greeting

Dr. Gábor Lassu

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent

Lorna & Noel Tuban (Latina, Cassis & Gabriele)

● **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** *"It came upon a midnight clear"* #153 v.1,2&4

● **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.

Christmas Pageant

- *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* **All** #144v.1,2

Narrator: “My Animals were quiet....a miracle there is that stable.”

- *“The Friendly Beasts”* **Children**

Narrator: “Mary and Joseph, a pitiful sight...to let God’s love in.”

- *“Away in the Manger”* **Children**

Narrator: “We don’t often see angels in flight...and you’ll find Christmas joy for all of your days.”

- *“Angels we have heard on High”* **Choir/All** #155 v.1-3

Narrator: “...then they left and began to spread the Good Word.”

- *“Oh Come, All ye Faithful”* **All** #148 v.1,2

Narrator: “But the angel’s song calmed them....the oddest of things that I ever saw.”

- **“We Three Kings”** Tomasz Piętak, Claudio Ferreira, VCC Choir

Narrator: “...So worthy of praise, for he brings us God’s call.”

ALL: “I am the Way, the truth, and the life. Come to the Father for healing from strife. Come unto me, all you who labor, and I’ll give you rest forever to savour.”

“Little Drummer Boy”

VCC Choir/Children/All

Come, they told me, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum
A newborn king to see, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum
Our finest gifts we bring, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum
To lay before the king, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum etc
So to honour him, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum when we come.

Little baby, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum
I am a poor boy too, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum
I have no gift to bring, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum
That’s fit to give our King, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum etc. Shall I
play for you pa-rum-pa-pa-pum on my drum?

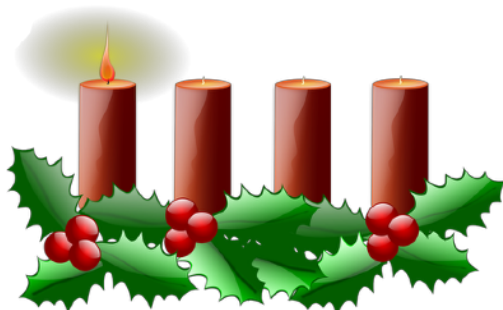
Mary nodded, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum,
The ox and lamb kept time, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum
I played my drum for Him, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum
I played my best for Him, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum etc.
Then He smiled at me, pa-rum-pa-pa-pum, Me and my
drum.

“Go tell it on the Mountain” **All**

#167

Thanks to all pageant participants, including:

Ichiro Masashuchita, violin,
Kyte Bernroider, drums,
Edwin Corcoran, narrator



Responding to God's Word

Offering

- **The Doxology** *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”* #46
- **Pastoral Prayer**
- **The Lord's Prayer** (in your own language)

Closing

Welcome and Congregational News

- **Benediction**
- **Congregational Amen** #312

Dismissal

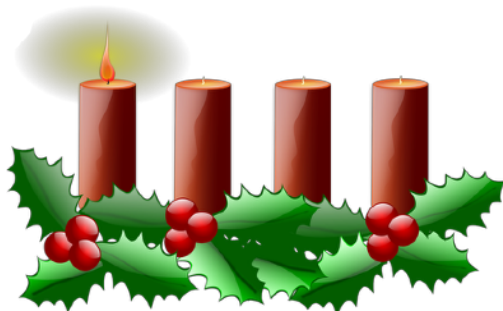
Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Tomasz Piętak

Thank You to All Who Participated Today!



WHAT'S ON

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



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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd at 2 pm
Prayer Chain gathering at the Meeting Point!



TUESDAY, December 4th 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.



Monday, December 24th at 9 pm Christmas Eve Service



PRAYER CHAIN: prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com



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

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.

An illustration of an Advent wreath. It features a green holly leaf wreath with a red berry in the center. Five candles are arranged in a circle: three purple, one white (the Christ candle), and one pink (the rose candle). All candles are lit with yellow flames. The background is a solid purple color.

WELCOME VISITORS/Prayer Request/Volunteer forms
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!

How to Donate to the Vienna Community Church

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 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

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THANK YOU TO ALL SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor: Dr. Gábor Lassu
Organist: Tomasz Piętak
Choir Director: Cassandra McConnell
Sunday School: Linda Bednar
Bulletin Editor: Dr. David Nolland
Greeters: Tony & Nicole Wrixon
Ushers: Tony & Nicole Wrixon
Pageant Coordinators: Linda Bednar & Cassandra McConnell
Flowers: Elmira (for the love of God) and Ardith Meier (in thankfulness for the VCC as hand and feet of Christ)

**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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