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CONTACT US

You can contact our pastor on: pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com For questions or information about our church, please contact us via email: info@viennacommunitychurch.com

MEETING POINT

39/3 Untere Donaustraße, 1020 Vienna

THANK YOU TO ALL SERVING IN WORSHIP

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| Guest Pastor: | Rev. Dr. Neil Parker |
| Choir Director: | Cassandra McConnell |
| Organist: | Tomasz Pietak |
| Guest Organist: | Krzysztof Weronowski |
| Sunday School: | Edson Dorneles |
| Bulletin Editor: | Ngozi Okpalaugo |
| Greeters: | Miriam & Serena Muhoro |
| Ushers: | Nicole & Tony Wrixon |
| Reader: | Sheila Philip |
| Flowers: | Nicole & Tony Wrixon |

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

Many Cultures, One Faith - Praising God by Reaching People for Christ!
<http://www.viennacommunitychurch.com>

Pastor Neil can be reached at pastor@communitychurch.com



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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

6 October 2019

11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION

Gathering in God's Presence

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| Prelude | Krzysztof Weronowski |
| Choral Invocation | VCC Choir |
| Greeting | Rev. Dr. Neil Parker |

● Call to Worship

Pastor: Come into this household of God that we might all listen to God's Word and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

People: *We have come to learn more about the way and the love of God. Praise the Lord with our hearts! Praise the Lord!*

● Opening Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" #718

● Opening Prayer (Unison)

Let us gather to call ourselves into mindfulness of the sacred gift of time: worship time and Sabbath time. O Spirit, you swept through the ages: be among us now to fill us with radical amazement at the wonder of creation and creativity. Call to us that we may hear your voice in beauty, in witness, in song, and in prayer, and respond with all that we have to offer: body, mind, soul, and spirit. Whisper to us when we doubt your goodness and despair of hope in a world fraught with signs of destruction, that we may yet hear your still small voice. 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.

Special Music

VCC Choir

Time With the Children

“Jesus loves me, this I know”

#113

Hearing the Word of God

Bible Reading

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Sheila Philip

Sermon

“Where did you put the kindling?”

Rev. Dr Neil Parker

Responding to God’s Word

● Responding Hymn “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

#612

Offering

Organ Meditation

Krzysztof Weronowski

● Glory be to the Father

#35

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Lord’s Prayer

Closing

Welcome and Congregational News

● Closing “Now Thank We All Our God”

#715

● Choral Benediction

VCC Choir

● Congregational Amen

#312

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tomasz Pietak

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!**

Join us for coffee hour across the courtyard after the service!

WHAT’S ON:

VCC Harvest Festival, Sunday 6th October - Envelope Gift Is Welcome

We have collected for ‘Haus Josef’. If you were not able to bring canned goods, you can put your gift in an envelope and writing ‘Haus Josef’ on it.

Prayer Circle – Meets today at 2 PM at the Meeting Point

Ladies’ Morning Bible Study hosted by Tertia Behr will have a break and begin again on the 8th of October. The topic is *Fruits of the Spirit*.

Film and Co. – “The Counterfeiters” Award-winning Austrian film, October 9 at 19:00 at the Meeting Point (see flyer)

Sunday School Parent/Teacher Meeting Immediately After the Service

October 13, please, all parents of the Sunday School children go to Sunday School rooms in the Lutheran Church for a short parent/teacher meeting!

VCC Bible+ Club – Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison

October 15 at 19:00 to 21:00 at the Meeting Point (see flyer)

Save the Date – Tour of Steinhof (Oct 27, see flyer) / Ladies Who Lunch

October 25, contact Nita Schimscha nd.schimsch@aon.at

College & Career Group -- A Welcome Back Dinner in October

Please contact Alice Wanner for more details: a.wanner92@gmail.com

VCC Volunteers - Would you like to lend a hand in VCC activities? Sign up as a Volunteer at coffee hour.

The VCC Choir is looking for new singers!

Upcoming choir rehearsals: October 6 after Church in the Sanctuary; October 11 at the Meeting Point 17:00 to 18:30.

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

PRAYER CHAIN: prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1: 1-14 (NIV)

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanksgiving

³I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Appeal for Loyalty to Paul and the Gospel

⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹²That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. ¹³What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

ATTENTION PLEASE

Sunday readings are chosen from an ecumenical cycle of readings from the Bible. If you would like to read ahead from the Scriptures Pastor Neil is studying this week, they can be found at <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu>.

Pastor Neil can be reached at pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com. If you would like to book an appointment with him, his online calendar is at <https://doodle.com/mm/neilparker/book-a-time>.

VCC BIBLE+ CLUB

Theology
Philosophy
Science

Christianity Interacting in the Modern World

OCTOBER BIBLE+

II. The Gospels. Their formation, literature, and understanding not only of the intent but the audience that received them.

Summary: We will be examining each Gospel to understand what materials are included and the way the story of Jesus is told. There will be a continuous discernment as to the Communities of Faith each was written to and why they would need the story told as it was. The concept of taking each Gospel as a unit unto itself will be an important part of our understanding. **This Bible+ dialogue is designed to respect the integrity of God's gift to humanity and the guidance of the Holy Spirit for each Community of Faith as they received their Gospel.**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison

Date: Tuesday, 15 October 2019

Time: 7-9PM (Doors open at 18:30)

Where: VCC Meeting Point, Untere Donaustraße 39/3, 1020

Light Refreshments will be served. Please bring something to share.



TOUR

OTTO WAGNER'S ART NOUVEAU JEWEL KIRCHE AM STEINHOF/CHURCH ON STEINHOF



WHEN: Sunday, 27 October 2019
TIME: 2-4 PM
STARTING POINT: VCC Courtyard (1, Dorotheergasse 16) at 2PM
GETTING THERE: U3 Stephansplatz to Ottakring, change to the Bus 48A to Otto-Wagner-Spital; then 20 min. walk to the Church
ENTRANCE FEE: 5€
OPTIONAL: Late lunch after the Tour

Organizer: Rainer Zimmermann (Mobile: 069917770039)
All are welcome and no reservations necessary!

MOVIE TIME
THE VCC CIRCLE OF MUSIC ART & FILM
presents:
FILM & CO



The Counterfeiters (AUS/GERM 2007). Based on a true story about Operation Bernhard, it takes a clever man to make money, it takes a genius to stay alive. Award winning WWII film, starring Oscar winner, Karl Markovics, August Diehl and David Striesow

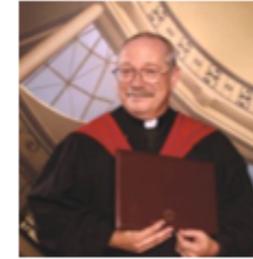
Wednesday, 9 October 2019
19:00-21:00 (Doors open 18:30)

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Untere Donaustraße 39/3, 1020

BRING ALONG SNACKS, POPCORN AND A FRIEND!

A Vienna Community Church Fellowship Activity



Reverend Dr. Neil Parker

Pastor Parker has been serving as an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada for 36 years, and since 1998 has served as the Senior Chaplain at the Canadian Army Training Centre in Meaford. During this time he has been deployed to Bosnia and Haiti overseas, and transferred eight times in the 19 years he served.

Previously he served at a multi-point church in Petitcodiac NB, a small-town church in Summerland BC, and a suburban church in Burnaby British Columbia. He grew up in Victoria, BC and attended the University of Ottawa for his BA in History of Religion. In 1983 he received his M.Div. from the Vancouver School of Theology and he later received an MA in Theology (Ethics) from St. Paul University in Ottawa. In 2014 he received his Doctorate in Ministry (Ethics) from St. Paul's.

Pastor Neil holds not only a certificate in Conflict Resolution from the Justice Institute in British Columbia, but he recently completed an MA in Disaster and Emergency Management, and training as an intentional interim minister. Pastor Neil's extended family is spread from Victoria, Canada to Guangzhou, China. His wife Helena is Austrian, and following his retirement from the United Church of Canada, they are now focusing on residing in Vienna.

Let's warmly welcome Pastor Neil to the VCC!