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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

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Neil Parker
Choir Director	Cassandra McConnell
Organist:	Tomasz Pietak
Sunday School:	Edson Dorneles
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Ushers:	Ruth Fikare, Rick Sue
Reader:	Mickela Moore
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*Goodbye, Auf Wiedersehen, Totsiens, さようなら Paalam, Tchau,
Kwaheri, Vizontlátásra!*

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

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



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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

3 November 2019

11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude

Tomasz Pietak

Choral Invocation

VCC Choir

"It is not you who shapes God, it is God who shapes you. If, then, you are the work of God, await at the hand of the artist who does all things in due season. Offer him your heart, soft and tractable, to keep the form in which the artist has shaped you. Let your clay be moist lest you grow hard and lose the imprint of God's fingers."
- St. Irenaeus -

"We would like to thank Yoel Bobadilla for participating in the interpretation of the Scripture with his artwork this Sunday. We celebrate the many gifts of God from this community and beyond, and the exciting ways in which different approaches can deepen our understanding of our faith. Thanks be to God!"

Greeting

Rev. Dr. Neil Parker

● Call to Worship

Pastor: Creator God, by your grace, we are running a race.

People: We are surrounded by many spectators.

Pastor: Patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, disciples, martyrs, saints.

People: We thank you for their example and praise you for their lives of faith, their faithful lives of following, obeying, and adoring you.

Pastor: Lord God, by your grace, we are running a race.

People: We are surrounded by many spectators.

Pastor: Loved ones now residing with you, who guided us, nurtured us, cared for us. They worked, lived, and died so we could be the believers we are today.

People: We thank you for their example and praise you for their lives of faith. For all the saints, who believed that you are the great one, accept our thanks.

Pastor: Creator God, by your grace, we are running a race.

People: We are surrounded by many spectators.

Pastor: Members and fellow believers in this world, our friends who help, guide, and uplift us; all are saints of your redeeming.

People: We thank you for their example and praise you for their lives of faith. We bless and pray that we may live and die as holy in our lives.

Pastor: Creator God, by your grace, we are running a race.

People: We are surrounded by many spectators.

Pastor: Let us set aside the guilt of sin and look to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

People: We thank you for his example and praise you for his life of faith. May we do unto others, in love, as we would have them do unto us. Amen.

● **Opening Hymn** "Rise Up, Oh Saints Of God!" #611

● **Prayer of Confession:** (Unison)

We confess to you, O God, as part of the world community, our inability to keep the peace that so many sacrificed to win and preserve, our inability to care for those in poverty and to seek justice for the marginalized, our lack of attention for issues that do not touch us personally, our inability to live out what we believe because it seems too hard. Forgive us. Restore us. Enable us to begin again to live the journey of faith. 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.

 **THE VCC CIRCLE OF MUSIC ART & FILM**
presents:

FILM & CO



As it is in Heaven (SW/DEN 2004). After having a breakdown, a famous conductor returns to his remote village and inspires a church choir. An inspiring, Award-winning film starring Michael Nyqvist, with Kay Pollak directing.

Wednesday, 13 November 2019
19:00-21:00 (Doors open 18:30)

VCC MEETING POINT
Untere Donaustraße 39/3, 1020

BRING ALONG SNACKS, POPCORN AND A FRIEND!

A Vienna Community Church Fellowship Activity



CHRISTMAS BOXES

It is time to pack some presents!

When: Saturday, November 9th, 2018 / between 3 – 5 pm
Where: The Meeting Point, 39/3 Untere Donaustrasse, 1020 Vienna
What we will provide: The Christmas boxes, cookies, coffee & tea (donations are welcome)
What you need to bring: Presents to pack into the box (shoebox size), some Christmas spirit & excitement for some fellowship with your church family
There are a few guidelines for packing the Christmas boxes, so that each child gets a similar gift, as well as for health and safety reasons. If you're interested in participating, please contact me so that I can send you a list with ideas and a list with items not to pack.

The boxes will go to needy children in Eastern Europe, some of whom may never have received Christmas presents. I hope to see many of you there! If you want to sign up for boxes or have questions, please email Maryanne:



charityandmissions@viennacommunitychurch.com

Maryanne Macris, Chair
Charity & Missions



INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING BUFFET



WHEN: Sunday, 17 November
(immediately following the Sunday Service)

WHERE: VCC Meeting Point
Untere Donaustrasse 39, 1020

BRING ALONG THE FAMILY!

All proceeds will go to the Meeting Point Improvements Fund and the Pastor Fund

Special Music

VCC Choir

Time With the Children

“Jesus loves me, this I know”

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Change for Change

Hearing the Word of God

Bible Reading (see page 4)

Luke 19:1-10

Mickela Moore

Sermon

“Whose Tree Was It?”

Rev. Dr Neil Parker

Responding to God’s Word

• **Responding Hymn**

“Here I Am, Lord”

#452

Offering

• **Glory be to the Father**

#35

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Lord’s Prayer

Closing

Welcome and Congregational News

• **Closing Hymn**

“Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”

#16

Benediction

• **Congregational Amen**

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Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading – Luke 19: 1-10 (NIV)

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Sermon Notes

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>

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:

TODAY – 3 NOVEMBER - The Prayer Circle meets at 2 p.m.

The Prayer Circle meets at the VCC Meeting Point at 2 p.m.

5 NOVEMBER - Ladies' Morning Bible Study The last Bible Study for 2019. It will resume on **Tuesday, 7 JANUARY 2020**

9 NOVEMBER - Christmas Boxes (see page 6)

13 NOVEMBER – Film & CO (As it is in Heaven) at the VCC Meeting Point, at 19:00-21:00, doors open 18:30 (see page 7)

17 NOVEMBER - International Thanksgiving Buffet (see page 6)

19 NOVEMBER – Bible + (Tuesday) At the VCC MP, doors open 18:30. From 19:00-21:00, Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison will lecture on the Book of Acts

SAVE THE DATE!

- **10 NOVEMBER - Autumn Congregational Meeting** immediately following the Sunday Service. Please bring something to share.
- **1 DECEMBER – Songs on a Sunday** from 2-4 p.m. Donations will go towards the VCC Music budget. More information to follow.
- **15 DECEMBER Children's Christmas Pageant** It will take place during Sunday Service
- **28 FEBRUARY – 1 MARCH 2020 VCC Retreat in Drösendorf**
For more information, contact Anne Storey

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

The VCC Choir – Practice at 11:00 every Sunday Morning

Is looking for new singers! If you like to sing, come join in – Practice in the Sanctuary at 11:00 every Sunday morning

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

PRAYER CHAIN: prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com