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### CONTACT US

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### 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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Greeters:	Miriam & Serena Muhoro
Ushers:	Souwanit Sonnlichler
Reader:	Nichole Barner
Flowers:	Marlene Sippl (In memory of my beloved brother)

*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](mailto: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

17 November 2019

11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION

### Gathering in God's Presence

#### Prelude

*Tomasz Pietak*

#### Choral Invocation "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" 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 -

#### 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**      *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*      #86

● **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 VIENNA COMMUNITY CHURCH PRESENTS

# SONGS ON A SUNDAY

1 DECEMBER 2019  
2-4PM/14-16 Uhr  
Dorotheergasse 16, 1010  
(Reformierte Stadt Kirche)

**Free Entrance. Donations accepted**  
**Freier Eintritt. Spende erbeten**

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### Wienerwald Kammerensemble Advent Concert

The Wienerwald Kammerensemble will hold a Memorial Advent Concert in honour of Anne Peschek-Rothgeb, its founder and Director, who was also a VCC member, Choir Director, and choir member of the VCC Choir.

Her daughter, Martina Peschek, cordially invites you to its Memorial Advent Concert on Thursday, 21 November at 7 pm/19:00 in the Fuhrmannhaus Festival Hall, Linzerstrasse, 404, 1140 Vienna. You can easily reach this beautiful Baroque jewel on Tram 49, which also leaves from the Ring.

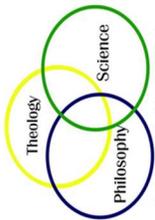
**World renowned Fortepianist, Richard Fuller, will be the guest artist.**

Also performing are:

Susanne Erner-Faiertag	Soprano (VCC choir member)
Martina Peschek	Mezzosoprano (has guested at the VCC)
Helmut Pohorec	Bass
Anne Lofgren	Oboe

There is no charge for the performance, but donations are very welcome. As the Wienerwald Kammerensemble concerts are normally quite full, please [RSVP](#) on +43 1 914 31 32 DW 4 to ensure that sufficient seating is available.

Please note that by attending this event you expressly agree to the publication of photographs, film and sound recordings that arise during that event.



Christianity Interacting in the Modern World

**NOVEMBER BIBLE+**



III. The New Testament. Its formation, literature, and understanding not only of the intent but the audience that received them. This lecture is about the Acts of Apostles.

Summary: We will be looking at the Acts of the Apostles and why this record of the Church is so valuable for us to understand. Luke gives us a distinct connection between the life and work of Jesus to the life and work of the Church. Luke guides us with the understanding that the Holy Spirit plays an essential place in the Ministry of Jesus and then also an essential place in bringing about the Church and the Ministries thereafter. Luke will give us glimpses of how the Church with two main characters, Peter and Paul, were instrumental in bringing the Gospel to the world. We will examine why Luke told the stories the way he did and why he selected the stories in Acts. This writing will open much of the New Testament for us.

**Guest Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison

**Date:** Tuesday, 19 November 2019

**Time:** 7:30PM (Doors open at 18:30)

**Where:** VCC Meeting Point, Untere Donaustrasse 39/3, 1020

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



**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*

**Time with the Children**

“Jesus loves me, this I know”

#113

**Special Music**

“Harvest Hymn”

VCC Choir

**Hearing the Word of God**

**Bible Reading** (see page 4)

“Luke 21:5-19”

Nichole Barner

**Sermon**

“Master Of Disaster”

Rev. Dr Neil Parker

**Responding to God’s Word**

● **Responding Hymn**

“Be Still, My Soul”

#566

**Offering**

“Organ Meditation”

Tomasz Pietak

“Doxology”

#47

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Silent Meditation**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing**

**Welcome and Congregational News**

● **Closing Hymn**

“When Storms Of Life…”

#629 (vs. 1-3)

● **Benediction**

● **Congregational**

“Amen”

#312

**Dismissal**

**Pastor:** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Scripture Reading – Luke 21: 5-19 (NIV)**

### **The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times**

<sup>5</sup> Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, <sup>6</sup> “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup> “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

<sup>8</sup> He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them.” <sup>9</sup> When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. <sup>13</sup> And so you will bear testimony to me. <sup>14</sup> But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. <sup>15</sup> For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> Everyone will hate you because of me. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> Stand firm, and you will win life.

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, the VCC International Thanksgiving Buffet**

will take place in lieu of Fellowship Hour in the Fellowship Hall. Please go to the VCC Meeting Point after the Service (see page 6)

#### **19 NOVEMBER – Bible + (Tuesday)**

At the VCC MP, doors open at 18:30. From 19:00-21:00, Pastor Tom Garrison continues his **New Testament** series moving from the Gospels to the Book of Acts (see page 6).

#### **21 NOVEMBER – Anne Peschek Memorial Concert – It starts at 19:00**

The Wienerwald Kammerensemble will be performing a Memorial Concert for Anne Rothgeb-Peschek at the Fuhrmannhaus, Linzerstraße 404. It is easy to get there with tram no. 49 from Volkstheater. Donations are welcome (see page 7).

#### **1 DECEMBER – Songs On A Sunday**

Starts from 14:00-16:00. Donations will go towards the VCC Music budget. More information to follow (see page 7).

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

- **15 DECEMBER Children's Christmas Pageant** It will take place during Sunday Service
- **28 FEBRUARY – 1 MARCH 2020 VCC Retreat in Drosendorf**  
For more information, contact Anne Storey: [astorey8@gmail.com](mailto:astorey8@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 – 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>

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