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### CONTACT US

You can contact our pastor on: [pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com](mailto:pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com) For questions or information about our church, 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

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Neil Parker
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**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@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

*24 November 2019*

**11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION**

### Gathering in God's Presence

#### Prelude

*Krzysztof Weronowski*

#### 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 -

#### Prayer before Service

If you took all your DNA, straightened it out, and put it end-to-end, it would stretch to Jupiter and back ten times over. Ten times.

You are neither small nor insignificant. You're just very well folded.

#### Greeting

*Rev. Dr. Neil Parker*

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

#### ● Call to Worship

**Pastor:** Come to this sacred place where neighbours and friends gather.

**People:** **We come to worship God in community.**

**Pastor:** Come to this sacred place where strangers are embraced.

**People:** **We come to worship God in community.**

**Pastor:** Come to this sacred place where those who are stigmatized, bullied, minimized, ignored, or simply forgotten are now called friends.

**People:** We come to worship God in community.

● **Opening Hymn**      *"To God Be The Glory"*      #72

● **Prayer of Confession**

**People:** When we live our lives following the risen one, Jesus the Christ, God knows we are not perfect. With this understanding, let us now pray together the prayer of confession:

**Pastor:** God, you have called us to be one, but at times, we seem to be divided. We are divided because of fear, anger, and jealousy. Sometimes we are divided by the words we speak to each other or actions we direct toward one another. God of understanding, please forgive us for the times when we have sinned against each other, and thus against you. Draw us closer to each other and to you, once again. Amen.

Words of Assurance.

God has heard our confessions.

**People:** As a loving parent, God has promised to love us unconditionally. Knowing this, we can live together as a forgiven people.

**Pastor:** Thanks be to God. 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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## Sermon Notes Continue




Welcome to our lunches on the last Friday of each month! For your calendar, upcoming lunch is: **November 29.**

Should you wish to be on the mailing list please let me know: [nd.schimscha@aon.at](mailto:nd.schimscha@aon.at) or 0680 2120 896. Don't forget to give me your details so that you can be easily contacted!

As you all know we need our generous hosts each month so maybe you could consider signing up with me and share a month this year?

Best wishes to you all.

Nita Schimscha; Co-ordinator



The VCC Choir which rehearses every Sunday in the choir loft starting from 11:15.

If you would like to join the VCC Choir or know of a musician or singer who would like to guest with us, please contact our Choir Director, [Cassandra McConnell](#).

## Special Music

*"Harvest Hymn"*

VCC Choir

## Hearing the Word of God

Bible Reading (see page 4)

*"Luke 1:68-79"*

Kitty McKinsey

Sermon

*"Singing New Hope With Old Tunes"*

Rev. Dr Neil Parker

## Responding to God's Word

• Responding Hymn

*"Come Share The Lord"*

#408

Offering

*"Organ Meditation"*

Krzysztof Weronowski

*"Doxology"*

#47

## The Sacrament of Communion

• The Apostles' Creed

• The Words of the Institution

Communion

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Lord's Prayer

## Closing

Welcome and Congregational News

• Closing Hymn

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

#715

• Benediction

• Congregational

*"Amen"*

#312

Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Scripture Reading – Luke 1: 68-79 (NIV)**

<sup>68</sup> “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. <sup>69</sup> He has raised up a horn<sup>a</sup> of salvation for us in the house of his servant David <sup>70</sup> (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), <sup>71</sup> salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— <sup>72</sup> to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup> the oath he swore to our father Abraham: <sup>74</sup> to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup> And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, <sup>77</sup> to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, <sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven <sup>79</sup> to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

### **Footnotes:**

- a. [Luke 1:69](#) Horn here symbolizes a strong king.

## **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:**

### **29 NOVEMBER – Ladies Who Lunch** (see page 6)

It takes place on the **last Friday of the month**. For more information, please contact Host Nita Schimscha. [nd.schimscha@aon.at](mailto:nd.schimscha@aon.at)

### **1 DECEMBER – Songs On A Sunday, 14:00** (see page 7)

Donations will go towards the VCC Music budget. ‘Songs on a Sunday’ offers songs to uplift and revitalize your spirit from our beloved choir, plus soloists Traude Fritz, Cassandra McConnell and Chanda Rule among several others.

## **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** (see page 6)

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

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

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