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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
Bulletin Editor:	Ngozi Okpalaugo
Greeters:	Dale Atwell & Maria Ciliberti
Ushers:	Euripedes Ribeiro, Bettina Hartlieb
Reader:	Maria Ciliberti
Flowers:	Dale & Maria Atwell (for our parents)

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

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

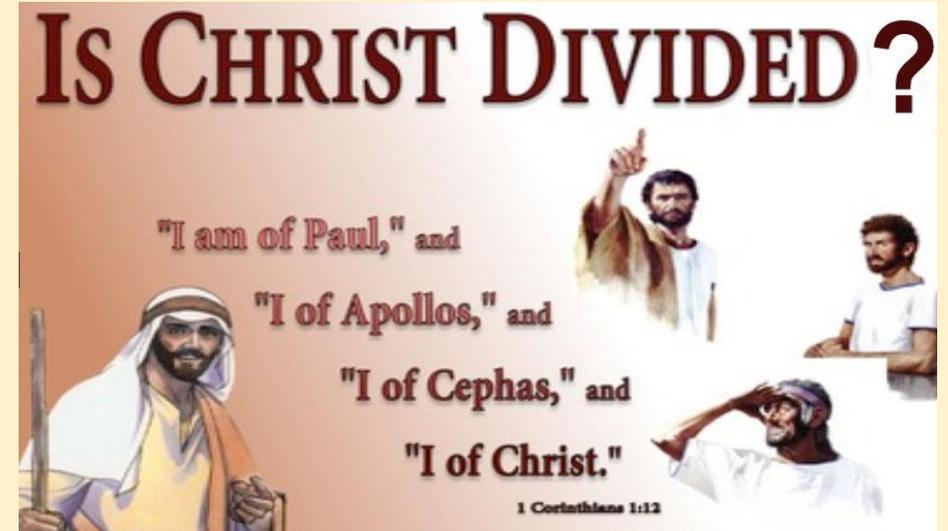
26 January 2020 – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Prayer before Service

The Lord's sacrifice proclaims the unity of Christians, who are bound together by a firm and unshakeable love. For when the Lord calls the bread, which has been made from many grains of wheat, His Body, He is describing our people whose unity he has sustained; and when He refers to wine pressed from many grapes and berries as His Blood, once again He is speaking of our flock which has been formed by fusing many into one.

- Didache (The teaching of the twelve Apostles) 2nd Century -



Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude *Tomasz Pietak*

Choral Invocation *"Spirit Of The Living God"* **VCC Choir**

Greeting *Rev. Dr. Neil Parker*

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

People: And also with you.

● **Call to Worship – (based on Psalm 27)**

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid?

People: The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?

Leader: The one thing I ask of the LORD— the thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD's perfections and meditating in his Temple. For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock.

People: Hear me as I pray, O LORD. Be merciful and answer me! My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "LORD, I am coming." You have always been my helper. Don't leave me now; don't abandon me, O God of my salvation!

● **Opening Hymn** *"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"* **#18**

● **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

In these opening weeks of a new year, and in the honouring of another Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we admit to you, God, the limited ways in which we understand our faith, yet we are aware of the mission of your church and we are able to articulate all that we believe. We often are uncertain as to how to speak about what is important. When others are ready to hear a message of hope, faith, and love, we may find ourselves remaining silent. Help us to voice our beliefs, each in our own way, and provide us with courage to do what needs to be done

● All who are able, please rise.

31 JANUARY		<p><u>Ladies Who Lunch (LWL)</u> LWL is held on the last Friday of month. The next LWL is 31 January. For more information regarding LWL, please contact Nita Schimscha: nd.schimscha@aon.at</p>
2 FEBRUARY 2 PM	<p><u>Prayer Circle</u> meets at 2 PM on the 1st Sunday of every month at the VCC MP** The next Prayer Circle will meet on 2 February at 2PM.</p>	
<p><u>Bible+</u> examines different aspects of our faith through the lenses of philosophy, theology, and science. Look out for further details for the next Bible+. Host: Ronan Le Bras.</p>		
SUNDAYS	<p><u>VCC Volunteers</u> Would you like to lend a hand in VCC activities? Sign up as a Volunteer at coffee hour.</p>	
SUNDAYS 11 AM		<p><u>The VCC Choir – Practice</u> The VCC Choir is looking for new singers! If you know of a musician or singer who would like to guest with us or you like to sing, come join in – Practice in the Sanctuary at 11:00 every Sunday morning. Please contact our Choir Director: cassandramcconnell@gmail.com</p>
<p>OUR DAILY DEVOTION: https://utmost.org</p>		
<p>PRAYER CHAIN: prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com</p>		
		

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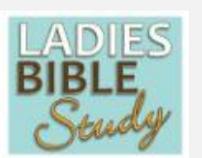
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WELCOME VISITORS/Prayer Request/Volunteer Forms

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

<p>28 FEBRUARY to 1 MARCH 2020</p>		<p>SAVE THE DATE – Retreat in Drosendorf For more information, contact Anne Storey: astorey8@gmail.com</p>
<p>12 FEBRUARY 6:30-9 PM</p>		<p>SAVE THE DATE – Film & Co. The Kite Runner (UK 2007) is a story of friendship, adversity and when doing the right thing is not a choice, but an imperative! Films every 2nd Wednesday of the month, from 6:30-9 PM at the VCC MP** Hosts: Maurine Mellinger & Mickela Moore.</p>
<p>12 MARCH 7-9 PM</p>		<p>SAVE THE DATE – Pottery Exhibition Come and join us at the Meeting Point on Thur. March 12, 7-9 PM for the Vernissage of Linda Bednar's Pottery Exhibition and joining her, Nicole Wrixon with her Photo Exhibition. Sat. March 14, 2-5 PM there will also be Fellowship time at the "Tea Party" with the proceeds from the cups and donations for the sweets going to the MP** improvement fund. Also, Fr. March 13, 4-6 PM and Sun March 15, 2-5 PM. The MP** will be open and Linda will be on hand, for those that are interested.</p>
<p>TUESDAYS 10-11:30 AM</p>		<p>Women of Faith Bible Study Meets every Tuesday from 10-11:30 AM at the VCC MP**. Host: Tertia Behr.</p>

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in a world where wars never cease, hope is often lost, and pain is evident everywhere.

When we fail to be all that we can be, God, give us reason to begin anew.

In silence, may we offer our private prayers of confession ...
(silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Pastor: God truly shows no partiality.

In every nation, anyone who reverences God and does what is right is acceptable to God.

Just as the prophets testified in the scriptures, everyone who believes in God

receives forgiveness of sins through God's name.

● Passing the Peace

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us extend the Peace of Christ to one another.

Special Music "Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace" **VCC Choir**

Hearing the Word of God

Bible Reading (see page 5) "1 Corinthians 1:10-18" **Maria Ciliberti**

Sermon

HOLY MANNERS

Rev. Dr. Neil Parker

Responding to God's Word

● **Responding Hymn** "He Leadeth Me" **#545**

Offering – Organ Meditation "Glory Be To The Father" **#35**

● **Doxology** **#46**

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 *"Down By The Riverside"* #673
- Benediction
- Congregational *"Amen"* #312

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tomasz Pietak

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- All who are able, please rise.
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Sermon Notes

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NIV)

A Church Divided Over Leaders

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,^[a] in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹²What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas^[b]"; still another, "I follow Christ."

¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Christ Crucified Is God's Power and Wisdom

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Footnotes:

[a] 1 Corinthians 1:10 The Greek word for *brothers and sisters* (*adelphoi*) refers here to believers, both men and women, as part of God's family; also in verses 11 and 26; and in 2:1; 3:1; 4:6; 6:8; 7:24, 29; 10:1; 11:33; 12:1; 14:6, 20, 26, 39; 15:1, 6, 50, 58; 16:15, 20.

[b] 1 Corinthians 1:12 That is, Peter