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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

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THANK YOU TO ALL SERVING IN WORSHIP

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Neil Parker
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Organist:	Tomasz Pietak
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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>



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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

22 September 2019

11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude

Choral Invocation

Greeting

Tomasz Pietak

VCC Choir

Rev. Dr. Neil Parker

● **Call to Worship**

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God.

People: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His is name.

● **Opening Hymn** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #622

● **Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.

Postlude

Tomasz Pietak

Special Music

VCC Choir

Time With the Children

“Jesus loves me, this I know”

#113

Hearing the Word of God

Bible Reading

Isaiah 61: 1-3

Sermon

“How to Get a Better Preacher” Rev. Dr. Neil Parker

Sermon Scripture

Ephesians 4: 11-12

Responding to God’s Word

- **Responding Hymn** “Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant” vs 1,2,& 5 # 490

Offering

Organ Meditation

Tomasz Pietak

- **Doxology** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” #46

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

The Lord’s Prayer (in your own language)

#775

Closing

Welcome and Congregational News

- **Closing Hymn** “Be Thou My Vision” #595
- **Benediction**
- **Choral Benediction** VCC Choir
- **Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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!**

Come join us at Coffee Hour across the courtyard after service.

What’s On

Ladies Luncheon, Friday 27 September at 12:30 - Poetzleinsdorf

Please contact host Nita Schimscha via email (nd.schimsch@aon.at) if you would like to join and she will give you the details of the venue and transport tips.

VCC Harvest Festival, Sunday 6th October

Bring canned goods, non-perishable food items, and men’s clothing in good condition as donations to Haus St. Joseph, Caritas charity for the homeless.

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*.

The VCC Choir is looking for new singers! If you like to sing, come join in – practice in the Sanctuary at 11:00 every Sunday morning.

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

College & Career Group

A Welcome Back dinner will be held in October. Please contact Alice Wanner for more details: a.wanner92@gmail.com

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

PRAYER CHAIN: prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”

Charles Dickens

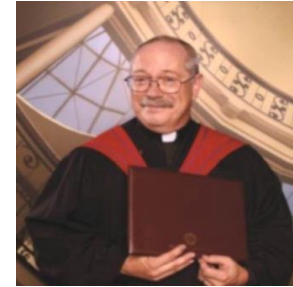
Scripture Reading Isaiah 61:1-3 (NIV)

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,^[a]
² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.

Sermon Scripture Ephesians 4: 11-12 (NLT)

¹¹ Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church:

the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.



Guest Pastor - 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 4th Canadian Division 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, New Brunswick, a small-town church in Summerland British Columbia, and a suburban church in Burnaby, BC. 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 recent retirement as Senior Chaplain in Meaford, they are now residing in Vienna.

Let's warmly welcome Pastor Neil to the VCC