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### MEETING POINT

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### THANK YOU TO ALL SERVING IN WORSHIP

Interim Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Neil Parker
Choir Director:	Cassandra McConnell
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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](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

*12 January 2020*

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

### Prayer before Service

The best preparation for a life of prayer  
is to become more human.

-- Kenneth Leach --

### Gathering in God's Presence

**Prelude**

*Tomasz Pietak*

**Choral Invocation**

**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 29)

**Leader:** Come, all who are gathered to worship God:

**People:** Give our God glory and strength!

**Leader:** Let us sing to God the glory of God's name

**People:** Worship God in holy splendor!

**Leader:** The voice of our God is over the waters.

**People:** The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

- **Opening Hymn**      “God Of Grace And God Of Glory”      #464

- **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of heaven and earth, you see all things.

You know the depths of our hearts better than we can know ourselves. You know the great heights to which we aspire and the depth of our failures when we fall short of doing what we know is right. We ask for your mercy and forgiveness for our selfishness and fears. Help us to walk as the faithful representatives you call us to be. Create in us the grace of Christ toward those with whom we disagree, just as he extended it to those who conspired against him.

Amen.

- **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.

### **The VCC Choir – Practice**

The VCC\_Chair 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](mailto:cassandramcconnell@gmail.com)

### **VCC Volunteers**

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

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

**PRAYER CHAIN:** [prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com](mailto:prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com)

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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:

### SAVE THE DATE!

- **28 FEBRUARY – 1 MARCH 2020 VCC Retreat in Drosendorf**  
For more information, contact Anne Storey: [astorey8@gmail.com](mailto:astorey8@gmail.com)

### TUESDAYS, Women of Faith Bible Study – 10-11:30 AM

Meets every Tuesday from 10-11:30 AM at the VCC Meeting Point, Untere Donaustraße 39/3, 1020. Host: Tertia Behr.

### 15 JANUARY – Film Night

**Film Night:** Every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Coming up on 15 January from 6:30-9 PM at the VCC Meeting Point, Untere Donaustraße 39/3, 1020. Featured film: **The Way Home (KOR)**.  
Hosts: Maurine Mellinger & Mickela Moore.

### Bible+

Bible+ examines different aspects of our faith through the lenses of philosophy, theology, and science. Bible+ will resume in January 2020. **Look out for further details for the next Bible+.** Host: Ronan Le Bras.

### Ladies Who Lunch

The next Ladies Who Lunch will be held on the last Friday of January 2020. For general information regarding LWL, please contact Nita Schimscha: [nd.schimscha@aon.at](mailto:nd.schimscha@aon.at)

### 2 FEBRUARY - Prayer Circle

Prayer Circle which meets at 2PM on the 1st Sunday of every month at the VCC Meeting Point. The next Prayer Circle will meet on **2 February** at 2PM.

### Special Music

*“Dvorak’s Psalm 23”*

Dr. Helena Krivan

### Time with Children

- *“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”* #113

### Hearing the Word of God

**Bible Readings** *“Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3-13-17”* **Tony Wrixon**  
(see pages 4-5)

**Sermon** *“Becoming More Human”* **Rev. Dr. Neil Parker**

- **Introit** *“Water, River, Spirit, Grace”* #366

### Responding to God’s Word

- **Responding Hymn** *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”* #614
- **Offering**
- **Doxology** #46

### Pastoral Prayer

- **Silent Meditation**
- **Lord’s Prayer**
- **Renewing Our VCC Covenant** *“Last Page in the Hymnal”*

### Closing

### Welcome and Congregational News

- **Closing Hymn** *“Like The Murmur Of The Dove’s Song”* #245

### Benediction

- **Congregational** *“Amen”* #312

### Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

*Tomasz Pietak*

## **Acts 10:34-43 (NIV)**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

## **Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)**

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

## **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>