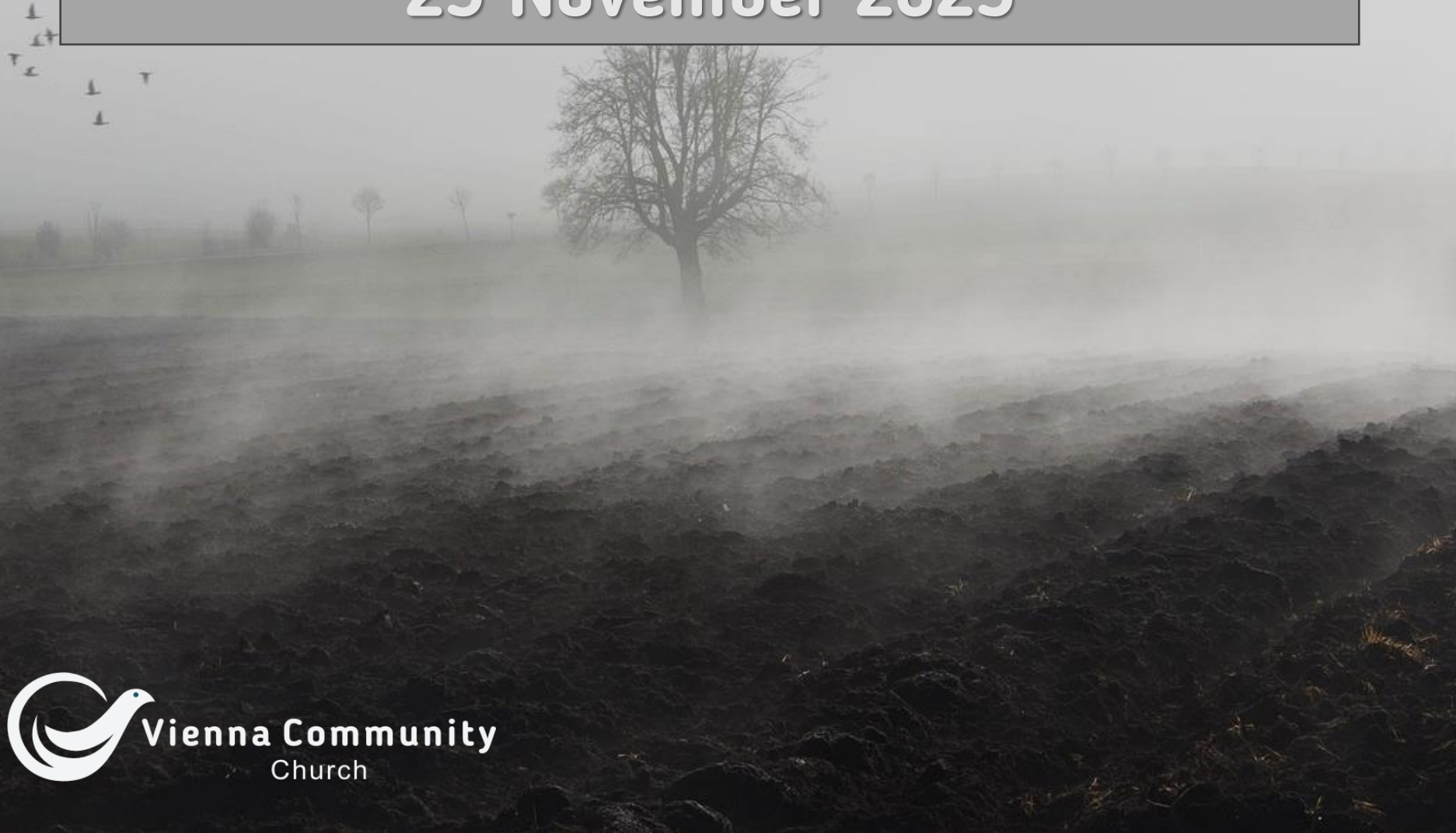


Pastor: Rev. Neil Parker
Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
23 November 2025



PRELUDE & MEDITATION



Tomasz Pietak, Organ



WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING HYMN – Ch 192

All Glory, Laud and Honor

1. All glory, laud and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
You are a child of Israel,
Great David's greater Son;
you ride in lowly triumph,
Messiah, blessed One!

2.

The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and, we with all creation
in chorus make reply.

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

3. To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
As you received their praises,
now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness,
rule in our hearts today.



PASSING OF THE PEACE



SPECIAL PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Read by Sandra Nel

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the Lord. “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries

where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be
called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

SCRIPTURE READING- *Luke 23:33-44*

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” There was a written notice above him,

which read: this is the king of the jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Responsive Reading – Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.



**Ichiro Matsushita, Violin
Rondo – Charles A. de Beriot 9th violin
concerto mvt3**

SERMON

A photograph of a shepherd standing in a grassy field, viewed from behind. The shepherd is wearing a dark jacket and a cap, and is holding a long staff. Several sheep are grazing in the field, and a small dog is in the foreground. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of late afternoon or early morning, with long shadows and a soft glow. The background shows a line of trees and a distant horizon.

Kings and shepherds

RESPONSIVE HYMN-CH 566

Be still my soul

1.

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

2.

Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: The waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed them in this world below.

3.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall dwell with forever more,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are
past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

OFFERING & MEDITATION



DOXOLOGY – CH 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise
him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!



PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours now and forever.
Amen.

COMMUNION AND MEDITATION



APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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CLOSING HYMN – CH 91

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1.

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all!

4.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

5.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING



The background of the image is a dense, out-of-focus field of red maple leaves. The leaves are in various shades of red, from deep crimson to a lighter, almost white-pink, creating a bokeh effect. Some leaves are in sharp focus in the foreground, showing their characteristic five-lobed shape and serrated edges, while others are blurred in the background.

BLESSING

**GO IN PEACE TO LOVE
AND SERVE LORD.**

THANKS BE TO GOD

POSTLUDE

