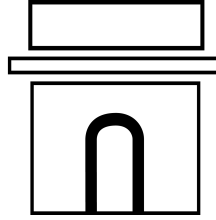


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street @ 10:30am

“The church exists for mission as fire exists for burning. Where there is no mission there is no church.”
-Emil Brunner, *The Word and the World*

“It is surely a fact of inexhaustible significance that what our Lord left behind Him was not a book, nor a creed, nor a system of thought, nor a rule of life, but a visible community. I think that we Protestants cannot too often reflect on that fact. He committed the entire work of salvation to that community. It was not that a community gathered around an idea, so that the idea was primary and the community secondary. It was that a community called together by the deliberate choice of the Lord Himself, and re-created in Him, gradually sought to make explicit who He is and what He has done.”

-Lesslie Newbigin, *The Household of God: Lectures on the Nature of the Church*

10/23/22

On behalf of the congregation of Neighborhood Church of Greenwich Village, we welcome you to our worship service. Our prayer is that your contact with us today encourages you to seek the living and true God.

In the words of the prophet Isaiah:
“Seek the LORD while he may be found,
Call upon Him while he is near.” (Isaiah 55:6)

In His grace,

Nick Nowalk, Pastor

A word about our worship:

We have sought to pattern our service after biblical accounts of people confronted by God. Such encounters often involve God making himself known in his righteousness and holiness, which, in turn, causes people to be very aware of their innate sinfulness. In humility, they confess their sinfulness and God graciously lifts them up and instructs them as to what he expects of them. They then respond by committing to serve him. Such incidents as found in Isaiah 6, Exodus 3, Luke 5, and Acts 9, are good examples. May the Lord be pleased to grant such an encounter to us this day.

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you
Congregation: And also with you

ORDER OF SERVICE

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship
Psalm 97

Opening Prayer

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
consider all the Worlds Thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

[Chorus]

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin *[Chorus]*

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, My God, how great You are! *[Chorus 2x]*

Confession of Faith | Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. And his kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

[Chorus]

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

My anchor holds within the veil [*Chorus*]

He is Lord
Lord of all [*Chorus 2x*]

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, stand before the throne [*Chorus*]

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace

Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. 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 neighbors as ourselves. 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.

Silent Personal Confession

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Assurance of Grace

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

Response

There Is Power in the Blood
Would you be free from the burdens of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

[Chorus]

*There is power, power,
Wonder-working power in the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power,
Wonder-working power in the precious blood of the Lamb.*

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide,
There's wonderful power in the blood. [*Chorus*]

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.

Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful power in the blood. [*Chorus 2x*]

The Word of God & Sacrament

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 31:24-32:5 (*Nancy Jiang*)

Matthew 5:1-16 (*Galt MacDermott*)

Philippians 2:12-18 (*Josh Kim*)

Message

The Mission of the Gospel: Light(s) in the Darkness

The Table of the Lord

"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?...You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies."

Words of Institution

Distribution & Reflection

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Our Response to God's Grace

Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

Reign In Us

You thought of us before the world began to breathe

You knew our names before we came to be

You saw the very day we'd fall away from You

And how desperately we need to be redeemed

Lord Jesus come lead us

We're desperate for Your touch

[Chorus]

Oh Great and Mighty One, with one desire we come

That You would reign, that You would reign in us

We're offering up our lives, a living sacrifice

That You would reign, that You would reign in us

Spirit of the Living God fall fresh again

Come search our hearts and purify our lives

We need Your perfect love, we need Your discipline

We're lost unless You guide us with Your light

Lord Jesus come lead us

We're desperate for Your touch [*Chorus*]

We cry out for Your love to refine us, cry out

For Your love to define us, cry out

For Your mercy to keep us blameless until You return [*Chorus*]

So, reign, please reign in us
Come purify our hearts, we need Your touch
Come cleanse us like a flood and send us out
So the world may know You reign, you reign in us

Benediction

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:13-16)

PRAYER

- That God would open up a new, larger location for us to worship in on Sunday mornings in Greenwich Village
- For peace and the cessation of violence and war in the nation of Ukraine in light of Russia's unprovoked invasion
- For the genocide against the Uyghur people in China to come to an end
- For Hannah Long's friend RW, and for his family in China. His aunt was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer. Pray for RW as he wrestles with the gospel in this season, and for his family
- Pray for healing for Megan as she receives ongoing cancer treatments
- For Hiyori Nishimura as she continues her graduate studies and ministry to Japanese students in NYC, that God would provide everything she needs for her calling and faithfulness
- For Noel Chou, as she begins raising support to go on staff with Wycliffe Bible Translators
- For Manjari R., a young missionary in an Arabic-speaking nation in the MENA region (Middle East/North Africa) who is beginning her long-term ministry there. Pray for Manjari for: (1) finding a long-term missions team in her region as her first initial term of service comes to a conclusion, (2) ongoing financial support to remain on the field in the years to come, (3) favor and blessing over relationships with cousins (non-Christians) to be invited deeper into community with local friends, (4) grace & wisdom in language-training and cultural adaptation
- For three couples in our fellowship who are engaged and preparing for marriage: Nate Harp and Jennifer Yu; Trevor Agatsuma and Grace Choi; Max Martin and Jessica Samuel
- For Kirk and Barbara van der Swaagh as they transition into a new season as missionaries in Scotland
- For the work of the Lord to prosper through ministries supported by our church: Andrew and Esther Schaeffer in Burkina Faso; Avi and Ruth Snyder in Hungary; the ministry of Hope Academy; Do for One; Bowery Mission; Avail Pregnancy Help Center; Expect Hope; The Father's Heart, and Open Doors.

THE SUFFERING CHURCH

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

FOR OCTOBER:

North Korea

- Please lift up in prayer the people of North Korea where the COVID pandemic has fully engulfed various areas of the country. Pray for believers, that they would be salt and light in this impossible situation. Ask God to intercede against the oppression of this people.

Nigeria

- Gunmen massacred at least 50 Christians who were attending a church service. Pray that God would bring relief to the Nigerian people from the growing trend of such awful attacks. Last year, over 2500 Nigerians were abducted for faith-related reasons. Ask that the Holy Spirit would pour our strength and endurance and hope upon those who have been taken, and those who have been left behind to grieve and lament.

Libya

- A young brother in Christ and former Muslim was threatened that his faith would lead to repercussions. He has been arrested multiple times (without legal representation). Authorities urged him to renounce his faith, but he refused. He has now been sentenced to death under a loophole in the law (technically, Libya does not have apostasy laws). He has since been required to post his own guilty verdict and sentence of capital punishment in public places outside his home, and in the local newspapers and radio stations. Pray for courage and hope and

joyful boldness for this young man, and that God would bring about change in how the ruling authorities govern in this nation. Pray for the church's faithful witness amidst unjust suffering.

Bangladesh

- A family of believers has experienced tragedy and persecution, as their house was burned to the ground and their possessions left in ashes. Yet strangely, their family Bible survived the fire, and has left neighbors wondering why this sacred book was spared when so much else was lost. This has led to curiosity and an opportunity to talk about faith in Jesus. Pray for this family of nine who have survived but now have only the clothes they were wearing when the arson started the fire. Please pray for many in this country who suffer on account of their faith, that God would protect them and provide for them.

Global

- One child in six around the world (approximately 450 million children) lives in a conflict zone where they are regularly in danger, sometimes motivated by religious persecution. Please pray that God would act to bring safety and stability in such places, and to encourage His beleaguered church where opposition to the gospel is overt and violent.

Galatians 6:2; John 16:33b; II Timothy 3:12; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Joshua 1:9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For activities on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/ngvzoom>

Upcoming

- NCGV Small Groups have begun! Lower Manhattan (Tuesdays), Queens/LIC (Wednesdays), & UWS/West Harlem (Thursdays). Email nick.nowalk@gmail.com if you are interested in checking out a small group.
- Monthly Congregational Meeting: Sunday, October 23rd @ 1pm (269 Bleecker)
- **Joint Reformation Day Service:** Friday, October 28th @ 7:30pm (Bronx Household of Faith)
- Volunteer at Father's Heart (Saturday, October 29th, 7:30-11:30am—contact Kristen at ncgvvolunteer@gmail.com)
- Interested in baptism at NCGV? Attend a discussion on Sunday, November 6th after church
- Prayer for the suffering church around the world: Sunday, November 13th @ 1pm

Giving

There are four ways to give to Neighborhood Church:

- Cash or checks dropped into the offering box at the worship service
- Checks mailed to: Neighborhood Church, 269 Bleecker Street, New York NY 10014
- PayPal donations via this link: [paypal.me/ngv](https://www.paypal.me/ngv)
- Zelle or Venmo transfers to 201-988-1044

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