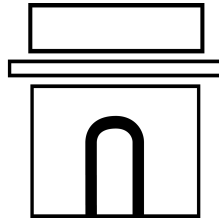


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street @ 10:30am

“Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves. But, while joined by many bonds, which one precedes and brings forth the other is not easy to discern.”

-John Calvin, opening lines of *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, 1.1.1

“It is essential to the Church that nothing human is foreign to it. It is always and everywhere the Church of man, a Church of particular ages and peoples, and languages and cultures...In the Church the boundaries of humanity are respected and guarded. The Church does not worship idols. It does not cultivate ideologies...In that which makes it differ from the world, the Church is even more worldly than the world, more humanistic than the humanists. In it, it comes nearer to the real meaning of every human tragedy-comedy.”

-Karl Barth, *God in Action*

“Christ was in these last days, according to the time appointed by the Father, united to His own workmanship, inasmuch as He became a human being liable to suffering ... He commenced afresh the long line of human beings, and furnished us, in a brief, comprehensive manner, with salvation; so that what we had lost in Adam—namely, to be according to the image and likeness of God—that we might recover in Christ Jesus...Through his measureless love, the Word of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, became what we are, in order to enable us to be what he is.”

-Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*

4/30/23

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 His grace,

Nick Nowalk, Pastor

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you

Congregation: *And also with you*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship | *Psalm 139:1-18*

Opening Prayer

Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam

[Refrain]

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One *[Refrain]*

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him *[Refrain]*

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King *[Refrain]*

Confession of Faith | *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Hymn

Creator King/Your Beloved

You who made the mountains and the sea
Measured out the universe and You made me
Echoes of the voice that called the world to be
Reach throughout the ages and now speak to me
You're my creator King

You who made the valleys and the skies
Displayed Your love on far horizons and before my eyes
You who lit the stars and set the dawn in time
Called them all by name and now You whisper mine
You're my creator King

[Chorus]

*Who am I that You are mindful of me?
Who am I that You sent Your love on me?
You're my creator King*

You who made the darkness and the light
Sun and moon to watch the day and guard the night
The hand that stretched the Heavens like a canopy
Reaches down to cover and watch over me
You're my creator King *[Chorus]*

I am Your beloved
Your creation
And You love me as I am
You have called me chosen
For Your kingdom
Unashamed to call me Your own
I am Your beloved

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace

Corporate Confession

O Lord our God,
Grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart;
that desiring you,
we may seek and find you;
and finding you we may love you;
and loving you we may hate those sins from which you have redeemed us;
for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen. (*St. Anselm*)

Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Grace

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:8-10)

Response

Christ is Mine Forevermore
Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley, I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger

Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore
And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore!

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore [x3]

The Word of God & Sacrament

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:26-28, 5:1-3, 9:1-7 (*Lily Kim*)

Psalm 8 (*Darren Chang*)

Hebrews 2:5-18 (*Natalie Tsirbas*)

Message

Imago Dei: Crowned with Glory & Honor

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

I Am Not My Own

The One who made the heavens made my heart and soul

Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known

I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece

And all that He designs will be done in me

My body is a temple of the Living God

I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought

As I bear His image, oh may I not profane

The holiness I hold in this earthly frame

[Chorus]

I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own
The measure of my worth is His love alone
He declares my standing, and He declares my state
So I will know myself by the name He gave [Chorus]

I am not my own and now my heart is free
O Maker come and make what You will of me
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair
So Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care [Chorus]

Benediction

“The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, let us also bear the image of the man of heaven.” (1 Corinthians 15:47-49)

PRAYER

- That God would open up a new, larger location for us to worship in on Sunday mornings in lower Manhattan
- For our new Pastoral Search Committee as they begin looking to identify a second pastor for NCGV
- We are thankful to God that Dan Cowles is back home and doing well after an overnight stay in the hospital. Pray for recovery and ongoing good health
- For Mary Sue Daoud as she recovers from surgery
- For Temi Agabalogun and his family as they grieve the tragic loss of his younger brother in a car accident
- Pray for Jingwen Zhang as she prepares to move to Dallas to begin her residency after medical school
- Pray for healing for Megan as she receives ongoing cancer treatments
- For Kirk and Barbara van der Swaagh as they serve 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; Manjari R., a cross-cultural worker serving the peoples of Lebanon and Syria; Noel Chou with Wycliffe Bible Translators; 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

FOR APRIL:

1.) Laos

- Pastor Manee refused to sign a document renouncing the Christian faith and promising to cease from preaching the gospel. He received a three day sentence. Shortly after he returned to preaching publicly he was murdered. Pray for comfort for his devastated family and hurting congregation.

2.) Afghanistan

- A brother named Bashir took refuge in Pakistan, but his visa has expired. He faces near certain death as a Christian convert if he is returned to his country. Ask the Lord to intervene in this dire situation.
- Tsreg, his wife and their baby daughter fled their home in Afghanistan to escape the Taliban, who regularly search for Christians. They left in secret and now live as refugees in Brazil. Pray the Lord restores their broken hearts as they have been forced to leave everything and everyone they’ve known.

3.) China

- A female pastor named Hoo has been sentenced to eight years in prison on false charges of fraud. Pray for her health, strength and faith as she endures this sentence—and countless others face similar situations.
- Persecution is on the rise in China. Young people, teachers and parents are told that religion will harm their education and future career prospects. Pray for the church here, especially for young believers.

4.) Uganda

- Two brothers were studying the Bible when family members beat them, accusing them of bringing an unholy corrupted book into the home of a Muslim family. Pray that God would open the eyes of their family to see Jesus.
- Posing as a Christian, a Muslim extremist lured a Ugandan pastor into an ambush. His attackers sprayed him with acid and nearly blinded him. Pray for healing and encouragement as he recovers.

5.) Nigeria

- It is estimated that the vast majority of Christians in northeast Nigeria have lost family members in attacks by Islamic militants. Pray for hearts to be healed, and that God would raise up a mighty house of believers.
- This month marks nine years since Boko Haram abducted 276 girls from a school. Nearly 100 are still missing. Please pray for those who are still captives.
- Two buses of believers, one going to a wedding and the other a funeral, were forcibly stopped by extremists. A total of 71 people were kidnapped for ransom. This is an increasingly common crime in Nigeria—please lift these dear brothers and sisters up in prayer, along with their anguished families.

6.) India

- As persecution heats up in India, pastors are being targeted, murdered and deported. This discourages and intimidates their churches and many individual Christians who attend, not to mention the untold grief caused to their families. Pray that the church would continue to grow (spiritually and numerically) despite all the oppression our brothers and sisters are facing.

7.) Sudan

- A former Muslim woman named Awatif converted to Christianity at the beginning of 2023 after Jesus appeared to her in a dream. When her husband learned of her new faith he tried to force her to renounce the gospel through physical torture. She did not give up her faith, and her family—thinking she had gone insane—kidnapped her and took her to a psychiatric hospital. She was given various unidentified injections and electrical shock treatment, all against her will. She remains in a highly dangerous situation, with no legal recourse available. Let's be in unceasing prayer on behalf of all who suffer such injustice and harm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For activities on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/ngvzoom>

Upcoming

- NCGV Small Groups meet weekly! Lower Manhattan (Tuesdays), Queens/LIC (Wednesdays), & UWS/West Harlem (Wednesdays). Email nick.nowalk@gmail.com if you are interested in checking out a small group.
- Next round of “new member” classes at NCGV: April 16th, 23rd & 30th after the service (1pm)
- Next monthly congregational meeting: Sunday, May 7th @ 1pm (pastoral search update)
- Conversation About Dating & Singleness: Friday, May 12th @ 7pm at 269 Bleecker Street
- NCGV Women's Dinner: Saturday evening, May 13th @ Mary Sue Daoud's place (Astoria, Queens)
- **Special “Test Drive” service on Sunday, May 21st @ 2pm at St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran Church (315 W. 22nd Street in Chelsea, between 8th & 9th Ave)**
- **Congregational meeting: Sunday, May 28th @ 1pm to discuss new location**

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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