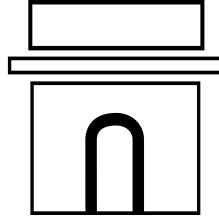


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street @ 10:30am

“Sameness is to be found most among the most 'natural' men, not among those who surrender to Christ. How monotonously alike all the great tyrants and conquerers have been; how gloriously different are the saints.”

-C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

“A spiritual gift is when the Holy Spirit manifests his presence and imparts his power into and through individual believers to enable them to exceed the limitations of their finite humanity so that they might faithfully and effectively fulfill certain ministry tasks for the building up of the body of Christ...We should speak of such gifts as God’s *presence* rather than his presents. In bestowing these gifts, God does not grant us something other than himself. The Spirit is himself the gift that he gives. Or again, *spiritual gifts are nothing less than the Holy Spirit in us*, enlightening our minds with revelatory truths, empowering our wills, and imparting to us the strength and wisdom to accomplish his gracious purposes in the church. Spiritual gifts must never be thought of as some ‘thing’ granted to us by a distant and uninvolved deity. They are, instead, the Holy Spirit on display in and through human words and works to build up the body of Christ...The Spirit is himself disclosed or made visibly evident in our midst whenever the gifts are in use. Spiritual gifts are visible and vocal disclosures of *divine* activity and only secondarily *human* activity. Spiritual gifts are the way in which the Spirit himself makes evident to and through us his presence whenever we do ministry. The *charismata* are God’s way of going public among his people. When thought of in this way, it becomes clear that spurning or minimizing the spiritual gifts is nothing less than a quenching of the Spirit and the gracious divine enabling that he would otherwise bring to us. When we affirm and facilitate the exercise of these gifts, we welcome God into our midst.”

-Sam Storms, *Understanding Spiritual Gifts: A Comprehensive Guide*

2/26/23

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 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

Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Fall Afresh

Awaken my soul, come awake
To hunger, to seek, to thirst
Awaken first love, come awake
And do as You did, at first

[Chorus]

*Spirit of the living God come fall afresh on me
Come wake me from my sleep
Blow through the caverns of my soul
Pour in me to overflow
To overflow*

Awaken my soul, come awake
To hunger, to seek, to thirst
Awaken first love, come awake
And do as You did, at first *[Chorus]*

[Bridge]

Come and fill this place
Let Your glory now invade
Spirit come and fill this place
Let your glory now invade *[Chorus]*

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,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come 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

I Give You My Heart

This is my desire
To honor You

Lord, with all my heart
I worship You
All I have within me
I give You praise
All that I adore
Is in You

Lord, I give You my heart
I give You my soul
I live for you alone
And every breath that I take
Every moment I'm awake
Lord, have Your way in me

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace

Corporate Confession

Lord Jesus, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our failures in the face of temptation, and our stubbornness in the face of correction. Forgive the times when we have been proud of our own achievements and when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told others, and the untruths we have told ourselves. Forgive the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord Jesus, have mercy on us sinners and make us whole again. For your glory, Lord, for the abundance of our own lives, and for the sake of others. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Grace

“To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”
(Acts 10:43)

Response

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in me thine all in all

[Chorus]

Jesus paid it all

All to him I owe

Sin had left a crimson stain

He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and thine alone
Came and changed the lepers spots
And it melt the heart of stone *[Chorus]*

And when before the throne
I stand in him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat *[Chorus]*

Oh, praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead *x4*

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (*Agnes Tang*)

1 Corinthians 12:12-20 (*Christine Wang*)

1 Corinthians 12:21-31 (*Jennifer Yu*)

Message

Understanding and Tapping Into Our Spiritual Gifts (*Don Weiss*)

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

Build Your Kingdom Here

[Chorus]

Build Your kingdom here

Let the darkness fear

Show Your mighty hand

Heal our streets and land

Set Your church on fire

Win this nation back

Change the atmosphere

Build Your kingdom here

We pray

Come set Your rule and reign

In our hearts again

Increase in us we pray

Unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope

Like wildfire in our very souls

Holy Spirit, come invade us now

We are Your Church

And we need Your power

In us

We seek Your kingdom first

We hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives

For You're our joy and prize

To see the captive hearts released

The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace

We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

We are Your church
And we pray revive
This earth [Chorus]

Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ

We are Your church
Oh, and we are the hope
On earth [Chorus]

Benediction

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as stewards of God’s diverse grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks the oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
(1 Peter 4:10-11)

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
- Pray for healing for Megan as she receives ongoing cancer treatments
- For Noel Chou, as she begins raising support to go on staff with Wycliffe Bible Translators
- For Manjari, a young woman in an Arabic-speaking nation in the MENA region (Middle East/North Africa) who is beginning her long-term service there. Pray for Manjari for: (1) finding a long-term 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 to be invited deeper into community with local friends, (4) grace & wisdom in language-training and cultural adaptation
- 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; 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 FEBRUARY:

1.) Libya

- A young man gave his life over to Jesus four years ago. He has already been arrested several times and told to recant his faith. Now he has been sentenced to death using laws that were repealed years ago. Pray for his continuing strength and hope, and for others who find themselves in similar situations of oppression.

2.) Egypt

- An Egyptian father and his son were attacked by a radical Muslim on their way home from prayer. He has subsequently suffered from mental illness and fears more persecution. Pray for recovery of both body and mind and future safety for these believers.

3.) Afghanistan

- Afghan Christians are being beheaded by the Taliban regime. Pray for the loved ones of these faithful martyrs, for their continuing witness to the gospel, and for all believers in this nation who risk everything to follow Jesus.

4.) India

- Hindu extremists harassed a group of Christian schoolchildren who were on their way to a school event. Church leaders have publicly condemned the attack. Ask that God might protect the body of Christ in India, as the level of persecution and opposition has steadily risen.

5.) Bangladesh

- A Christian man disappeared in September and was later found dead by his parents, who had previously reported his disappearance to the local police but were ignored. Pray that believers would be given fair treatment by officials and that this family would find comfort in the Lord. Please intercede for many similar situations where believers are treated like second-class citizens, ignored and without protection from those who hate them.

6.) Belarus

- Lift up in prayer a congregation of Belarusian believers who were evicted from their church building by local authorities. They have continued gathering for worship in the open parking lot outside. Pray that God's Spirit would continue to sustain a passion for God's glory and the good of others in these dear brothers & sisters.

7.) Iraq

- In northern Iraq the health care system and basic sanitation are still lacking. There was a cholera outbreak in mid 2022, landing upon the people in an already vulnerable situation. Likewise, violence in northern Iraq disproportionately targets Christians. A car bomb recently exploded, exposing lackluster security in the area. Pray for believers who are trying to rebuild their lives.

John 16:33; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Ephesians 6:18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For activities on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/ncgvzoom>

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.
- Monthly Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 26th from 1-2pm
- First Sunday fellowship meal: Sunday, March 5th after the service
- Conversation on Baptism: Sunday, February 12th @ 1pm (prerequisite for baptism at NCGV)
- Joint service with Gallery Church (in Chelsea) on Sunday, March 19th @ 10:30am
- Next round of "new member" classes at NCGV: April 16th, 23rd & 30th after the service

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/ncgv](https://www.paypal.me/ncgv)
- Zelle or Venmo transfers to 201-988-1044

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