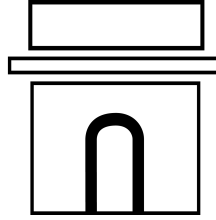


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street @ 10:30am

“Be ashamed when you sin, don’t be ashamed when you repent. Sin is the wound, repentance is the medicine. Sin is followed by shame; repentance is followed by boldness. Satan has overturned this order and given boldness to sin and shame to repentance.”

-John Chrysostom, “On Repentance and Almsgiving”

“Nothing can be more cruel than the leniency which abandons others to their sin. Nothing can be more compassionate than the severe reprimand which calls another Christian in one’s community back from the path of sin.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

“Forgiveness flounders because I exclude the enemy from the community of humans even as I exclude myself from the community of sinners. But no one can be in the presence of the God of the crucified Messiah for long without overcoming this double exclusion--without transposing the enemy from the sphere of monstrous inhumanity into the sphere of shared humanity and himself or herself from the sphere of proud innocence into the sphere of common sinfulness.”

-Miroslav Volf, *Exclusion and Embrace*

4/23/23

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

Opening Prayer

Hymn

O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within?

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?

Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself

Do you thirst for a drink from the well?

Jesus is calling

[Chorus]

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes, a new life is born
Jesus is calling [*Chorus*]

[*Bridge 2x*]
Oh, what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen [*Chorus 2x*]

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you found

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

The Lord Is My Salvation
The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on the solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

[*Chorus*]

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid, and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He fulfills each promise of His word
When winter fades, I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation [*Chorus*]

Glory be to God, the Father
Glory be to God, the Son
Glory be to God, the Spirit
The Lord is our Salvation [*Chorus*]

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

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)

Response

Nothing But the Blood
What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

[*Chorus*]

*Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [*Chorus*]

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [*Chorus*]

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [*Chorus*]

Now by this I'll overcome—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [*Chorus*]

Glory! Glory! This I sing—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
All my praise for this I bring—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [*Chorus*]

The Word of God & Sacrament

Scripture Readings

Genesis 3:1-24 (*Thomas Lyon*)
Jeremiah 4:1-2, 19-28 (*Sandra Kimokoti*)
Romans 3:9-20 (*Josh Kim*)

Message

Sin: Vandalism Against Shalom

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

The Stand

You stood before creation
Eternity in Your hand
And You spoke the earth into motion
My soul now to stand

You stood before my failure
And carried the cross for my shame
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders
My soul now to stand

So what could I say?
What could I do?
But offer this heart, oh, God
Completely to You

So I'll walk upon salvation
Your Spirit alive in me
This life to declare Your promise
My soul now to stand

[Chorus 2x]

So what could I say?

What could I do?

But offer this heart, oh, God

Completely to You

[Bridge 2x]

So I'll stand with arms high and heart abandoned

In awe of the one who gave it all

So I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You surrendered

All I am is Yours

Benediction

“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” (Jude 24-25)

PRAYER

- That God would open up a new, larger location for us to worship in on Sunday mornings in Greenwich Village
- For our new Pastoral Search Committee as they begin looking to identify a second pastor for NCGV
- For Mary Sue Daoud as she recovers from surgery
- 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
- Conversation About Dating & Singleness: Friday, May 12th @ 7pm at 269 Bleecker Street
- **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)**
- Serving at Father’s Heart (food pantry & soup kitchen): Saturday, April 29th (7:45-11:30am) @ 545 E. 11th Street. Email Kristen at ngvvolunteer@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

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
- Zelle or Venmo transfers to 201-988-1044

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