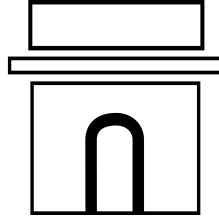


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH  
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street (Greenwich House Music School)

“The Word took bodily form so that we might receive the Holy Spirit. God became the bearer of a body so that men might be bearers of the Spirit.”

-Athanasius

“Without the Holy Spirit, God is distant, Christ is in the past, the Gospel is a dead letter, the Church a simple organization, authority is domination, mission is propaganda, worship is the summoning of [demonic] spirits, and Christian action is the morality of slaves.”

-Ignatius Hazim

“The bottom line is the generally ineffective witness and perceived irrelevancy of the church in Western culture. Here, it seems to me, is where the real difference between [the NT] and us emerges, where in a culture similar to ours the early believers seem to have been more effective than we are. I am convinced that this is due in large part to their experience of the reality of the Spirit’s presence...The Spirit was an empowering presence for the early church, and power had to do with fruit, witness, and gifts...For [the NT writers] the presence of the Spirit, as an experienced and living reality, was the crucial matter for Christian life, from beginning to end...The secret to the success of the early believers in their culture lay first with their ‘good news’ centered in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. But their success also lay with their experienced life of the Spirit who made the work of Christ an effective reality in their lives, thus making them a radical alternative within their culture.”

-Gordon D. Fee, *Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God*

**5/21/23**

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

**WELCOME**

Leader: The Lord be with you

Congregation: *And also with you*

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

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*Our Approach to God*

**Call to Worship** | *Psalm 51:1-17*

**Opening Prayer**

**Song**

*New Wine*

In the crushing

In the pressing

You are making new wine

In the soil I now surrender  
You are breaking new ground

So I yield to You and to Your careful hand  
When I trust You I don't need to understand

*[Chorus]*

*Make me Your vessel  
Make me an offering  
Make me whatever  
You want me to be*

I came here with nothing  
But all You have given me  
Jesus bring New Wine  
Out of me

Where there is New Wine  
There is new power  
There is new freedom  
The Kingdom is here  
I lay down my old flames  
To carry Your new fire  
Today

### **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, begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made; of the same essence as 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 truly 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 to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.  
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 the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Song**

### *Fresh Wind*

Spirit sound, rushing wind  
Fire of God fall within  
Holy Ghost, breathe on us we pray

As we repent, turn from sin  
Revival embers smoldering  
Breath of God, fan us into flame

We need a fresh wind  
The fragrance of Heaven  
Pour Your Spirit out  
Pour Your Spirit out

For hearts that burn with holy fear  
Purified in faith and deed  
Refiner's fire  
Strengthen what remains

So we the church who bear Your light  
Lamp aflame, city bright  
King and kingdom come is what we pray

### *[Chorus]*

*We need a fresh wind  
The fragrance of Heaven  
Pour Your Spirit out  
Pour Your Spirit out  
A holy anointing  
The power of Your presence  
Pour Your Spirit out  
Pour Your Spirit out*

Pour Your Spirit out  
Pour Your Spirit out  
Pour Your Spirit out  
Pour Your Spirit out

Let all the redeemed  
Prophesy and sing  
We can hear the wind  
Blowing, blowing, blowing  
Move upon our praise  
Sons and daughters sing  
We can hear the wind  
Blowing, blowing, blowing

## **Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace**

### **Corporate Confession**

“This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If am I to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.” (*The Book of Common Prayer*)

### **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**

### *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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*The Word of God & Sacrament*

## **Scripture Readings**

John 14:12-26 (*Nancy Jiang*)

Acts 2:1-21 (*Arturo Villanueva*)

Acts 2:22-41 (*Hannah Long*)

## **Message**

Pentecost: The Fullness of Time Has Come

## **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.*

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*Our Response to God's Grace*

## Intercessory Prayer

### Announcements

*Christ Be All Around Me*

As I rise, strength of God  
Go before, lift me up  
As I wake, eyes of God  
Look upon, be my sight

As I wait, heart of God  
Satisfy and sustain  
As I hear, voice of God  
Lead me on, be my guide  
Be my guide

*[Chorus]*

*Above and below me  
Before and behind me  
In every eye that sees me  
Christ be all around me*

And as I go, Hand of God  
My defense, by my side  
And as I rest, breath of God  
Fall upon, bring me peace  
Bring me peace *[Chorus x2]*

Oh, oh, Christ be all around me  
Oh, oh, Christ be all around me

Your life, Your death  
Your blood was shed  
For every moment  
Every moment *[Chorus x2]*

Oh, oh, Christ be all around me  
Oh, oh, Christ be all around me

### Benediction

*“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God...If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.” (Galatians 4:4-7, 5:25)*

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?  
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;  
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;  
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil  
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;  
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;  
And though the last lights off the black West went  
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.  
-Gerard Manley Hopkins, “The Grandeur of God”

## **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 Steven Romeo for healing of his sciatica pain
- Pray for those who are preparing to leave NYC in this season (Jingwen, Chase, Silas, Nancy, Ujunwa, Alexis)
- 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; Bowersy Mission; Avail Pregnancy Help Center; Expect Hope; The Father's Heart, and Open Doors.

## **THE SUFFERING CHURCH**

FOR MAY:

### **1.) Algeria**

- Islam is the official religion and evangelism by Christians is outlawed. Converts to Christianity can be charged with a crime, as well as face significant family and community pressure. Pray that the Lord would protect His people under His mighty wings.
- Slimane was outspoken about his faith in Jesus and was sentenced to five years in prison. He then sought asylum in Tunisia but was kidnapped and returned to Algeria. It was reported he received an additional three years for undermining national unity. Pray that the light of God's grace shines brightly for him and through him as he endures this unjust punishment.

### **2.) Afghanistan**

- It is the expressly stated desire of the Taliban to eradicate Christianity from Afghanistan. Pray for the safety of all Christians and their protection—and that the Spirit would miraculously and powerfully work through these trials and difficulties to multiply the fruit of the gospel in more and more lives, in spite of the intentions of evil men.

### **3.) Somalia**

- Becoming a Christian can mean execution. There are only a small number of believers worshipping in secret and in constant fear of being discovered and punished. Even outside humanitarian groups are prevented from working there. Please pray for all believers and for Christian and non-Christian aid workers, for their safety.

### **4.) Kenya**

- In eastern Kenya Muslims who convert to Christianity are often targeted for violence. The extremist group al-Shabaab intentionally seeks to murder ex-Muslim believers. Pray that our brothers and sisters would exemplify grace, courage and steadfast love to their persecutors.

### **5.) Nigeria**

- This nation is home to 89% of the Christians martyred in the entire world last year. There are countless atrocities of Christians being targeted for kidnapping and murder. Recently a group of Fulani Muslim militants stormed into the streets, attacking without discrimination and killing many. Please stand in the gap for these courageous Christians who face such injustice and trauma, as well as for friends and family who have lost loved ones.

### **6.) India**

- Persecutions have significantly escalated recently, with pastors in particular being targeted. Churches have been burned down, and the property of believers has been confiscated on multiple occasions. Please pray for new Christians who have converted from Hinduism, who often face ostracization and even death from extremists, as well as loneliness as social ties are taken away from them. Pray for strong fellowship in Christian communities.

### **7.) Iran**

- Believers are speaking out against the executions of activists, and exposing human rights violations. Pray for them as they take the risk of bringing to the light much of the darkness of their leaders and government.

### **8.) Ukraine**

- Christians have been specifically targeted for some time by Russian troops. The Russian Orthodox Church views the church in Ukraine as an illegitimate, rogue breakaway group, thus implicitly authorizing damage done against this "apostate" people. More than 500 sacred sites have been looted, damaged or destroyed. Many Christian leaders have been tortured or killed in the war so far, specifically targeted and singled out. Among those imprisoned there are many reports of food and water deprivation and rape. Pray that God would rise up.

### **9.) Eritrea**

- Earlier this month, Eritrean police raided a group of Christian college students who had gathered to worship and record video clips for social media. Release International reported that 103 Christians, mainly students, were

arrested in the crackdown. The raid took place in the capital, Asmara, and those arrested were taken to Mai Serwa prison. There are now more than 500 Christian prisoners detained indefinitely without trial in Eritrea. The prison where the students were taken, Mai Serwa, is notorious for its harsh conditions, overcrowding, and poor treatment of inmates

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **For activities on zoom:**

<https://tinyurl.com/ngvzoom>

### **Upcoming**

- Congregational meeting: Sunday, May 28th @ 1pm to discuss new location
- Returning to St. Paul's German Lutheran on first three Sundays of June (4th, 11th, 18th) @ 2pm
- *First Friday Jazz Series*: Marcos Varela Trio on Friday, June 2nd at 8pm & 9:30pm (269 Bleecker Street)
- Summer PRAYER & WORSHIP nights at NCGV: Mondays or Saturdays at 7pm (**June 3, 19, July 1, 31**)
- Joint summer Bible study with Storefront Church on the Minor Prophets: Wednesday evenings starting June 21st
- New NCGV Spanish Bible study beginning soon! (if interested, contact Diego at [dlaboy723@gmail.com](mailto:dlaboy723@gmail.com))

### **Giving**

There are five ways to give to Neighborhood Church.

1. Cash or checks dropped into the offering box at the worship service
2. Checks mailed to: Neighborhood Church, 269 Bleecker Street, New York NY 10014
3. PayPal donations via this link: [paypal.me/ngcv](https://www.paypal.me/ngcv)
4. Zelle transfers to: 201-988-1044
5. Venmo transfer to @Daniel-Cowles-7

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