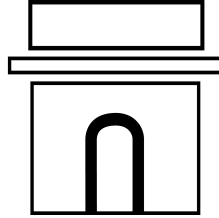


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 315 W. 22nd Street (St. Paul's German Lutheran Church)

“It is surely a terrible charge to bring against a religious system, that in the conflict which has to be waged by every son of Adam with disease, misfortune, death, the believers in it are provided with neither armor nor weapons. Surely a real religion, handed down from century to century, ought to have accumulated a store of consolatory truths which will be of some help to us in time of need. If it can tell us nothing, if we cannot face a single disaster any the better for it, and if we never dream of turning to it when we are in distress, of what value is it?”

-Mark Rutherford, *The Revolution in Tanner's Lane*

“There is nothing more calculated to increase our faith, than the knowledge of the providence of God because, without it, we would be harassed with doubts and fears, being uncertain whether or not the world was governed by chance. For this reason, it follows that those who aim at the subversion of this doctrine, depriving the children of God of true comfort, and vexing their minds by unsettling their faith, forge for themselves a hell upon earth. For what can be more awfully tormenting than to be constantly racked with doubt and anxiety? And we will never be able to arrive at a calm state of mind until we are taught to repose with implicit confidence in the providence of God.”

-John Calvin, *Commentary on the Book of Psalms*, on Psalm 107

“If you desire to establish yourself and others in devotion, to know what confidence is to be reposed in God, and what makes the mind fearless, you will praise God by reciting the ninety-first Psalm.”

-Athanasius, letter to Marcellinus on the Psalms

6/4/23

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

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship | *Psalm 31*

Opening Prayer

Song

The Goodness of God

I love You Lord

For Your mercy never fails me

All my days, I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head
Oh I will sing of the goodness of God

[Chorus]

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
Oh I have lived in the goodness of God *[Chorus]*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me *[Chorus]*

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

God I Look to You / Come Thou Fount
God I look to You
I won't be overwhelmed
Give me vision
To see things like You do

God I look to You
You're where my help comes from
Give me wisdom
You know just what to do

[Chorus]

*And I will love You, Lord my strength
And I will love You, Lord my shield
And I will love You, Lord my rock
Forever all my days, I will love You God*

[Bridge]

Hallelujah our God reigns
Hallelujah our God reigns
Hallelujah our God reigns
Forever all my days, Hallelujah

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Sall for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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

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]

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen *[Chorus]*

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

The Word of God & Sacrament

Scripture Readings

Psalm 91 (*Ebuka Imachukwu*)
Matthew 4:1-11 (*Joy Cho*)
Romans 8:28-39 (*Tom Lyon*)

Message

Providence: Learning to Trust Fall Into God's Promises

Our Response to God's Grace

Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

Psalm 90 (Satisfy Us With Your Love)
You have been our dwelling place
Oh everlasting God
Before You formed the mountaintops
You were before it all
And soon our lives turn back to dust

[Chorus]

*When the sun comes up, satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts forget all Your goodness
Satisfy us with Your love*

The wrath of God poured out for sin
On Jesus crucified
Consider Him our hiding place

Our shelter is alive
Because He lived and died for us [Chorus]

[Bridge]

Teach us Lord to number our days on earth
And give us more wisdom in the secret heart
As you display amazing grace in Jesus Christ for us [Chorus]

When the sun comes up, satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts give up, Spirit fill us
Satisfy us with Your love

Benediction

“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.” (Psalm 91:14-16)

PRAYER

- That God would open up a new, larger location for us to worship in on Sundays in lower Manhattan
- For our new Pastoral Search Committee as they seek 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; Bowery Mission; Avail Pregnancy Help Center; Expect Hope; The Father’s Heart, and Open Doors.

THE SUFFERING CHURCH

FOR JUNE:

1.) Burkina Faso

- Pastor Antoine went to his Assemblies of God church to pray and intercede for his flock. But on that night (May 15) he was murdered in an intentional strike against a shepherd/leader of the church. Let’s pray for this church and his people, as well as his family—that they would remain steadfast and abounding in good work (1 Cor. 15:58)

2.) Egypt

- In the city of Qena the population includes 35% Coptic Christians, much more than the national average of 5-15%. This might lead one to think that Qena would be safer for believers, but this is not the case. This area has become a hub for overt persecution. Two sisters named Morino and Suzan, both hairdressers, were kidnapped and taken from their families. Please pray that these women are returned to their homes safely, and that God would protect the church in the midst of increasing coercive pressure to convert to Islam.

3.) Indonesia

- A church service on Sumatra Island was swarmed by a large mob. Someone choked the pastor and others forced the church members to scatter. Pray that God would heal the traumas His people experience.

4.) Malaysia

- Christians around the world are still praying for pastor Raymond Koh, who was abducted six years ago. Pray that he will be found and reunited with his family.

5.) Pakistan

- A Christian man named Yusef had his inherited land stolen from him by his tenants, who later beat him viciously and drove him away from his home. Please pray for justice and protection for ongoing persecution.

6.) Iran

- A pastor’s wife named Anna Khademi is awaiting trial for charges of propaganda against the system and disturbing public opinion. Her husband Matthias is already in prison on similar charges. Let’s cry out to the Lord for complete exoneration for both of them.

7.) Democratic Republic of Congo

- Rebel extremists planted a bomb during a baptism service of 60 new converts, killing 17 during what was supposed to be a joyful event. Pray for God's restorative justice and the healing of broken hearts.

8.) Ethiopia

- A Christian community is rebuilding after their homes and church were torched by Muslim extremists. May the Lord provide everything they need to start over again.

9.) Sudan

- Ahmed has been running for his life, having escaped extremists twice after his family caught him discipling 25 other Muslims. Pray that the Lord would guide him to a safe place, and that his bold ministry would continue to bear fruit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For activities on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/ngvzoom>

Upcoming

- Returning to St. Paul's German Lutheran on first three Sundays of June (4th, 11th, 18th) @ 2pm
- Summer PRAYER & WORSHIP nights at NCGV: Mondays or Saturdays at 7pm (**June 19**, July 1, 31)
- *Mental Health Workshop* led by Jane Tsang: Sunday, June 18th @ 4pm (after the service at St. Paul's)
- Joint summer Bible study with Storefront Church on the Minor Prophets: Wednesday evenings starting June 21st
- New NCGV Spanish Bible study begins soon! (if interested, contact Diego at dlaboy723@gmail.com)
- Interested in serving on the Hospitality Team at NCGV? Contact Josh Kim at jsk4002@med.cornell.edu

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
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