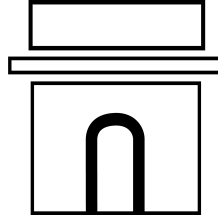


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street & online @ 10:30am

“Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.”
Leo Tolstoy, the opening line of *Anna Karenina*

“If sound doctrine without love is worthless, then love without right teaching is at best flaccid and at worse misleading.”
Ian Paul, *Revelation*

“Many hypocrites are like comets that appear for a while with a mighty blaze; but are very unsteady and irregular in their motion, and their blaze soon disappears, and they appear but once in a great while. But the true saints are like the fixed stars, which, though they rise and set, and are often clouded, yet are steadfast in their orb, and may truly be said to shine with a constant light.”
Jonathan Edwards, *Religious Affections*

2.6.22

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)

This is our hope for
“. . . the LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King.” (Jeremiah 10:10)

In His grace,

Kirk van der Swaagh & Nick Nowalk, Pastors

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

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM | Lord's Day 6

Question # 16

Why must He be very man, and also perfectly righteous?

Because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which hath sinned should likewise make satisfaction for sin; and one who is himself a sinner cannot satisfy for others.

Question #17

Why must He in one person be also very God?

That He might, by the power of His Godhead, sustain in His human nature the burden of God's wrath; and might obtain for, and restore to us, righteousness and life.

Question #18

Who then is that Mediator, who is in one person both very God and a real righteous man?

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

Question #19

Whence knowest thou this?

From the holy gospel, which God Himself first revealed in Paradise; and afterwards published by the patriarchs and prophets, and represented by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; and, lastly, has fulfilled it by His only begotten Son.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

Revelation 4:1-11

1 After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. 3 And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. 5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, 6 and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: 7 the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. 8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!"

9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Those wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n
One with the Father known
One with Him through the Spirit giv'n
From yonder glorious throne
To Thee be endless praise
For Thou for us hast died
Be thou O Lord through endless days
Adored and magnified

Confession of Faith | *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

Lord I Need You

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

[Chorus]

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me *[Chorus]*

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay *[Chorus]*

You're our one defense, our righteousness
Oh God, how we need You

Confession of Sin & 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)

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, merciful Father, we, poor sinners, confess to You all our sins and iniquities that we have committed against You and which justly deserve Your holy wrath. We are truly sorry for them, and we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace found only in Christ Jesus. By his suffering and death, by his resurrection and intercession, grant us forgiveness, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You that we might forsake our sin and be led to everlasting life. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Assurance of Grace

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. (Psalm 32:1-2)

Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

[Refrain]

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast *[Refrain]*

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last! *[Refrain]*

The Word of God & Sacrament

Scripture Readings

1 Kings 18:1-21

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Revelation 2:18-29

Message

“Thyatira: The Church That Genuinely Loves Yet Tolerates Evil”

The Table of the Lord

Let a person examine himself . . . and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Words of Institution

Distribution

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

Prayers of Intercession

Announcements

Closing Hymn

We Fall Down/Agnus Dei

We fall down

We lay our crowns

At the feet of Jesus

The greatness of

His mercy and love

At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy, holy, holy

We cry holy, holy, holy

We cry holy, holy, holy

Is the Lamb

Holy, Holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

You are Holy

Holy

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Amen

Benediction

“And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are you to take the scroll, and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.’ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might, and honor and glory and blessing!’ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!’” (Revelation 5:9-13)

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PRAY

- For the threat of war as Russia builds up its forces on the border of the Ukraine
- For our “Glove Love” campaign to reach those who need the care
- For Ashley and Sean Hoss and Ashley’s family as they attend the funeral for her grandmother
- *COVID-19 has not gone away, so pray . . .*
 - For the schools of our city as they struggle with teacher and student absences
 - For wisdom in navigating the protocols after inevitable infections that will affect not just those who have tested positive, but those who have had contact with them
 - For those serving on the frontline as EMTs, doctors, nurses, technicians, orderlies
 - For those who have lost loved ones, and for those who are gravely ill
 - Pray for the economic recovery of our city
- 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

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

FOR FEBRUARY:

When believers convert from Islam, or tribal gods, they often face rejection from their family and excommunication from their village or tribe. Believers are often forced to stand before their families or community to be repeatedly told to recant their faith or else. Yet they stand firm for Christ.

China:

- Christians in unregistered house churches are monitored and subject to arrest, jail, and sometimes harsher punishments. Pray for courage and strength among believers to continue to confess Christ.

Central African Republic:

- At age 12 Charlotte would sneak off to church whenever she could. Her father told her to stop, threatening to marry her to a Muslim that he might end her disobedience. This is common in majority Muslim nations. Pray for the protection of girls in the throes of this kind of brutal pressure to abandon their faith.

The Bible urges believers to love one another and to serve their neighbors. But in many places the challenge is made more difficult when neighbors turn on the Christian or when they turn in their Christian neighbors for government awards. When animosity comes from the government, believers live at risk.

- Pray for pastors and leaders in places like Iran, who risk torture and imprisonment when they refuse to cooperate with authorities to become spies. Pray for their protection and strength.
- Pray for solid, calm faith among Christians in hostile countries as they watch the people around them turn angrily toward them. May they show the love of Christ to help defuse the situations

Believers in many countries must keep their faith in secret risk or arrest and perhaps even a death sentence. Such isolation of Christians has led to a powerful yearning to share their faith with the people in their lives.

- Believers from Muslim backgrounds in Bangladesh are facing new realities under sharia law that would mean violent punishment for leaving Islam. Uphold them in prayer as they face uncertain times.
- In Brunei, pastors and congregations are prohibited from evangelizing. Ask God to supernaturally open ways for them to bring others to him.

When persecution becomes extreme, many people flee their home country only to move into refugee camps or similar uncertain situation. Pray for these fellow believers who have been forced to leave everything.

Ephesians 6:18; Deuteronomy 33:27; Hebrews 13:5-6; 1 Corinthians 5:14-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For activities on zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7756249830?pwd=N3dUU2s4Sjg3bkU5R2F3aklTZkxzZz09>

To attend Sunday worship in person:

Masks are required in our worship space

Today

- Worship, 10:30am at Greenwich House Music School as well as online using the above link

This Week

- Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30pm on Zoom (The Letter of James)

Upcoming

- February 27, Volunteer Day, Father's Heart, Contact Kristen: ncgvvolunteer@gmail.com
- March 2, NCGV Annual Meeting

Prayer Meetings on Zoom

Monday 9-9:30pm
Tuesday 7:30-8:00am
Wednesday 12:30-1:00pm
Thursday 9-9:30pm

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