



NORTHCROSS

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Loved. Equipped. Sent.

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Welcome to NorthCross Church!

Whatever your spiritual disposition
- skeptic, seeker, follower -

we are glad you are with us today and pray that you
experience the grace of our Lord.

Our desire is to have our hearts strengthened
by the grace of Christ and to share that grace with the
community of Lake Norman.

Our Mission

NorthCross Church exists to facilitate a gospel movement
throughout the communities that make up Lake Norman
for the glory of Christ.

Our Vision

To be a people who are Loved by God,
Equipped by the Gospel, and Sent into our communities.

Loved: Experiencing God’s love and the love of one another
in community

Equipped: Growing in our knowledge of the gospel and
strengthened to share it with others

Sent: Engaging in the mission of God within our local communities

Sunday Morning Children’s Ministry Information:

Sunday School: 9:30 am (children age 3 – high school)

*All children are welcome to stay with their parents in the
worship service! Also available:*

Nursing room: adjacent to the sanctuary. Turn on the
speaker to hear the sermon.

Nursery: provided during the worship service for babies and
children up to age 2

Children’s church: ages 2 & 3 in the toddler room
ages 4 - 2nd grade in the early elementary room

**Children will be dismissed from the service during the Passing of
the Peace. They will return before Communion. The teachers will
bring the children to the sanctuary and help find their parents.*

Wifi Network: NCC **Password:** #northcrosschurch1

WORSHIP SERVICE

February 18, 2024

Meditation

“The early church fathers loved to dwell on the comparison between the first Adam and Christ, the second Adam. The first Adam did something to us. He brought sin, death, and condemnation and triggered the chain of events that brought ruin to the human family. But the second Adam did something for us. He reversed what the first Adam did, bringing life, righteousness, and justification and setting into motion a new chain of events that will eventually bring redemption to the whole world. Lent is a time to intentionally confront all the ways the first Adam continues to control our lives, to carry these ways to the cross, to let them be crucified with Jesus, and to bury them in the tomb never to rise again.”

- Robert E. Webber (*Ancient-Future Time*)

Call to Worship

Read Together

Book of
Common Prayer

All: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Preparing for Worship

With so many distractions vying for our attention, this is a time to quiet ourselves and prepare our hearts for worship.

Call to Worship

God calls us to worship because God exists and speaks first. Therefore, our worship is answering God. We answer him by offering what we are to who God is. The Call to Worship is a way to proclaim God as he is, while also challenging what we worship daily.

GOD'S PEOPLE WORSHIP

Song of Worship

Saved My Soul

Confession of Sin

The prayer of confession invites us to speak words that are remarkably honest about how our thoughts, feelings, actions and words can curve inwards. This kind of honesty does not come naturally in our relationship with God or with others. But confession is liberating when we sense the greater power of Jesus' love.

Assurance of Pardon

This is what we need to hear after the honesty of our confession. These are God's affirming words, his forgiveness of us because of Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

Read Responsively

Psalm 32:1-4

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
People: whose sin is covered.

Leader: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
People: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

All: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader

Psalm 46:1-3

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Isaiah 43

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

LIFE TOGETHER

Passing of the Peace

**Children ages 2 through 2nd grade dismissed for Children's Church*

Announcements

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Tithes and Offerings

We give as an act of faith, remembering his faithfulness as our provider and joining with God's people in expressing our dependence on him, in obedience to be generous with all we have as he is generous to us.

CHANGED BY GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 8:1-3, 19-25

¹ Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, ² and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

¹⁹ Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. ²⁰ And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you." ²¹ But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, ²³ and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. ²⁴ And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?"

Sermon

The sermon is teaching based on the Scripture Reading. The role of the sermon is to explain the truths of the Bible and apply them in our lives. This is not just an intellectual function; our hearts are to be affected by the words of God preached.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*Lent –
Facing Fallenness in Gender, Family and Storms*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Song of Response

Peace Be Still

The Lord's Supper

Belgic Confession (1561)

All: We believe that—all Adam's descendants having thus fallen into condemnation and ruin by the sin of Adam—God showed himself to be as he is: merciful and just.

God is merciful in withdrawing and saving from condemnation those who, in the eternal and unchangeable divine counsel, have been elected and chosen in Jesus Christ our Lord by his pure goodness, without any consideration of their works.

God is just in leaving the others in their ruin and fall into which they plunged themselves.

Song of Receiving

Christ is Mine Forevermore

Benediction

The Lord's Supper

Jesus Christ promised to meet (or commune) with his people in a special way through this "sacrament" - from the Latin word meaning mystery. We experience Christ's spiritual presence as we eat in faith. The Lord's Supper points us to the finished work of Christ at the cross and in the resurrection on our behalf.

Benediction

"Benediction" means "a good word" or blessing. In this blessing God gets the last word, promising to be with us as he sends us out into the world, carrying the hope, joy and love of Christianity's central message (the gospel).

This Week's Calendar

- 2.18 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship Service, 10:30 am
- 2.21 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Youth Life Group, 7:00 pm
- 2.22 Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Announcements

Baby Bottle Boomerang - The baby bottles distributed for the Lake Norman Community Pregnancy Center are due back today.

Women's Small Tables - Women are invited to upcoming Small Tables and enjoy a meal and intentional fellowship:

2/29, 6:30 pm @ Catherine Belk's home
3/11, 6:30 pm @ Jean Edward's home

Annual Easter Egg Hunt - March 23, 3:00 pm at the Edwards home.

New Member Class - If you are interested in the New Member class this spring, please reach out to Gary or an elder.

Communicants Class - Offered in the spring for children in 3rd-5th grades who have expressed an interest in their faith. Please reach out to Gary if interested. The class will be offered during SS in late April/early May.

This week's Mission + Outreach Organization
Rev. Hudson Belk and Rev. Ken Cross
Cede Sports

Connect Card - If you are new to NorthCross and want to connect, or if you have a prayer request, use this QR code and fill out the form online.



Daybreak Prayer at 7:30 am:

The session invites us to join in prayer for NorthCross during this time of transition. Please join us Sunday mornings at 7:30 am via Zoom (link is in the Weekly News).

Life Groups meet regularly for fellowship, prayer, service and study.
Contact one of the leaders if you would like to attend.

Huntersville: Sunday

Hudson Belk, hudsonbelk2@hotmail.com

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NorthCross Church YTD Financial Summary

(for fiscal year 2023/2024; as of January 31, 2024)

Congregation Giving - Actual \$187,234 vs. Budget \$196,457

Expenses (less Missions, Deacons & Facility) - Actual \$149,946 vs. Budget \$199,674

Missions expenses \$15,345 Deacon's Fund expenses \$1,552

Worship Facility Received \$227,642 | Non-restricted cash position \$629,355