



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

March 10, 2024

Meditation

“During Lent God may call us, as he called Nicodemus, to abandon the world of our pharisaic religion, to stop pretending we are righteous, to come to grips with the reality of our own phoniness, and to break through to a faith that is real and genuine.”

- Robert Webber
Ancient-Future Time

Call to Worship

Read Together

*Book of Common
Prayer*

All: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

Songs of Worship

*Let the Nations Be Glad
Be Thou My Vision*

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 *Isaiah 6:5*

Leader: "Woe is me!

People: For I am lost;

Leader: for I am a man of unclean lips,

People: and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;

All: for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader

*Belgic Confession
Article 21*

Leader: We believe that Jesus Christ is a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek—made such by an oath—and that he presented himself in our name before his Father, to appease his Father's wrath with full satisfaction by offering himself on the tree of the cross and pouring out his precious blood for the cleansing of our sins, as the prophets had predicted.

Song of Thanksgiving

Nothing But the Blood

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 9:1-9

¹ And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. ³ And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. ⁴ And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. ⁵ And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." ⁶ And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, ⁸ by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. ⁹ Herod said, "John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he sought to see him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. Gary Purdy

Lent – Facing Fallenness in Views of Jesus

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.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Song of Response

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

The Lord's Supper

Belgic Confession (1561), Article 20

**All: We believe that God—
who is perfectly merciful
and also very just—
sent the Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.**

**So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die,
by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life for our justification,
in order that by him we might have immortality
and eternal life.**

Song of Receiving

The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

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

- 3.10 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship Service, 10:30 am
- 3.11 Women's Small Table, 6:30 pm
- 3.13 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Rebecca McLaughlin @ Davidson, 7 pm
- 3.14 Women's Bible Study

Announcements

Annual Easter Egg Hunt - March 23, 3:00 pm
at the Edwards home (14001 McCord Rd.,
Huntersville). Please RSVP, link in Weekly
News.

Communicants Class - Offered the 4 Sundays
in April during the SS hour for children in
3rd-5th grades who have expressed an interest
in their faith and church membership.

New Members Class - April 19 @ 7:00 pm and
April 20 @ 9:00 am at the home of Cindy and
Scott Tew.

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

West Lake Norman: Sunday
Matt Estler, mdestler5@gmail.com
Greg Howard, gwhow1961@gmail.com

East Huntersville: Sunday
Roger Edwards, roger.edwards55@gmail.com

RUF Davidson is hosting a forum with
British author and apologist, Rebecca
McLaughlin entitled, "Why Bother with
Easter?" This will deepen your confidence in
Jesus' resurrection and offer an opportunity
to bring your friends who may not believe in
Jesus' resurrection. This free event is at 7 p.m.
Wed., March 13 in the Chambers Building Lilly
Gallery on Davidson's campus.

This week's Mission + Outreach Organization
Barnabas Center
Roger Edwards

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).

Cornelius: Sunday
Jonathan Skolrood, jonathan.skolrood@gmail.com

Cornelius: Sunday
Cole Beardsley, coleb96@vt.edu

Davidson: Sunday
Matt Seiter, matthew.seiter@gmail.com

NorthCross Church YTD Financial Summary

(for fiscal year 2023/2024; as of February 29, 2024)

Congregation Giving - Actual \$216,125 vs. Budget \$224,522
Expenses (less Missions, Deacons & Facility) - Actual \$182,008 vs. Budget \$231,999
Missions expenses \$17,244 Deacon's Fund expenses \$1,552
Worship Facility Received \$227,689 | Non-restricted cash position \$406,152