



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 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Meditation

Why do you seek the living among the dead?

- Two dazzling men

The festival we celebrate today is one of victory - the victory of the son of God, King of the whole universe. On this day the devil is defeated by the crucified one; our race is filled with joy by the risen one.

- Hesychius of Jerusalem

In our worship we must be careful not to reduce our message to the Easter fact only. The Easter fact must include the message this face proclaims: God makes all things new. It must also include the message that we have been raised with Christ. Calling God's people to die to sin and rise to life is central.

- Robert Webber

Ancient-Future Time

Call to Worship*

Read Together

*Book of Common
Prayer*

ALL: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Please stand*

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*

All Hail King Jesus
See the Conqueror

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

Book of Common Prayer

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,

Leader: by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

People: We have not loved You with our whole heart;

Leader: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

Leader: For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,

People: have mercy on us and forgive us;

Leader: that we may delight in Your will,

People: and walk in Your ways,

All: to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader

Belgic Confession
Article 22

Leader: Jesus Christ is our righteousness in making available to us all his merits and all the holy works he has done for us and in our place. And faith is the instrument that keeps us in communion with him and with all his benefits. When those benefits are made ours, they are more than enough to absolve us of our sins.

Song of Thanksgiving* *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

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.

**Please stand*

CHANGED BY GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading*

Luke 24:1-12

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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

Dr. Gary Purdy

*Resurrection Sunday - Remembering & Marveling
the Unbelievable*

**Please stand*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Song of Response* *Because He Lives*

The Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, saying,

All: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

Song of Receiving* *Christ Arose/Jesus Paid it All*

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).

**Please stand*

This Week's Calendar

3.31 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am
Worship Service, 10:30 am

Announcements

New Worship Facility - Be ready in the last two weeks of April and first two weeks of May to help move NorthCross into the new building! There's lots to do (moving, installation, cleaning) and the more hands we have the better (everyone is welcome). We'll firm up dates as we get closer to construction finishing.

VBS Registration - Now Open! VBS will be held June 18-21 from 9-11:30 am at Torrence Chapel Park in Cornelius. Register on the Church Center app or online at:
northcross.churchcenter.com.

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.

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, GHOW1961@GMAIL.COM

East Huntersville: Sunday
Roger Edwards, ROGER.EDWARDS55@GMAIL.COM

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

Women's Spring Service Project - Saturday, April 27th at Caterpillar Ministries in Huntersville. We will do some painting and yard work, and finish up with lunch together.

This week's Mission + Outreach Organization
Rev. Andrew Goyzueta
Davidson College RUF

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