



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

April 14, 2024

Meditation

“Eastertide is 40 days of wonder, joy, and new life. Jesus’ followers move from the Passion week’s great loss and sorrow to a greater confirmation and certainty of Jesus with them still though differently. It is a period that bridges time and timelessness, the natural life and the supernatural life, the material and the spiritual in one comprehensive and sweeping cycle of Christian life.”

- Joan Chittester
The Liturgical Year

Call to Worship*

Read Together

*Book of Common
Prayer*

ALL: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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*

*Into Your Grace
Son of Suffering*

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 51:1-4*

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

People: and cleanse me from my sin!

Leader: For I know my transgressions,

People: and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Against you, you only, have I sinned

People: and done what is evil in your sight,

All: so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader *Hosea 6:1-3*

Leader: "Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth."

Song of Thanksgiving* *Speak O Lord*

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.*

**Please stand*

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*

I Corinthians 7:10-16

¹⁰ To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband¹¹ (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

¹² To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. ¹³ If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. ¹⁶ For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

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

Renewed Relationships - Marriage & Family

**Please stand*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Song of Response*

Reckless Love

The Lord's Supper

Belgic Confession (1561), Article 23

Leader: We believe...

People: that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained, as David and Paul teach us when they declare those people blessed to whom God grants righteousness apart from works.

Leader: And the same apostle says...

People: that we are "justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." And therefore we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits and leaning and resting on the sole obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him.

Song of Receiving*

My Jesus I Love Thee

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

- 4.14 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship Service, 10:30 am
- 4.19 New Member Discovery Class, 7:00 pm
4.20 New Member Discovery Class, 9:00 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.

New Members Class - April 19 & 20 @ 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, GHOW1961@GMAIL.COM

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

Women's Spring Service Project - Saturday, April 27th, 10:00 am at Caterpillar Ministries in Huntersville. We will do some painting and yard work, and finish up with lunch together at Verde. Please register (in the Weekly News) so we know how many are coming.

Parking Lot Repaving Next Sunday - Please watch for traffic signs and directions as our lot will be undergoing construction on Sunday, April 21. Enter on the left side of the building to park.

This week's Mission + Outreach Organization
Carrie Luke
Project 658

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.



NorthCross Church YTD Financial Summary

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

Congregation Giving - Actual \$242,030 vs. Budget \$252,587
Expenses (less Missions, Deacons & Facility) - Actual \$154,707 vs. Budget \$199,734
Missions expenses \$19,144 Deacon's Fund expenses \$1,552
Worship Facility Received \$231,177 | Non-restricted cash position \$303,149