



# 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.

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### **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

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### **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 28, 2024

Eastertide

## Meditation

*“He rose from the dead and mounted up to the heights of heaven. When the Lord had clothed himself with humanity and had suffered for the sake of the sufferer, and had been bound for the sake of the imprisoned, and had been judged for the sake of the condemned, and buried for the sake of the one who was buried, he rose from the dead, and cried with a loud voice: ‘Who is the one who contends with me? Let him stand in opposition to me. I set the condemned man free; I give the dead man life; I raised up one who had been entombed. Who is my opponent? I,’ he says, ‘am the Christ, I am the one who destroys death and triumphed over the enemy and trampled Hades underfoot, and bound the strong one, and carried off man to the heights of heaven. I,’ he says, ‘am the Christ.’”*

- Melito of Sardis (AD 150)

## Call to Worship\*

Read Together

*Book of Common  
Prayer*

**ALL: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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\*

*Rejoice the Lord is King  
Into Your Grace*

#### 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      *2 Corinthians 11:2-3*

Leader: The Apostle Paul writes to the Corinthian church,

**People: For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.**

Leader: But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from

**All: a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.**

### Silent Confession

*Let us confess where our hearts are led astray  
from sincere and pure devotion to Christ.*

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader      *Isaiah 1:18*

Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

**Song of Thanksgiving\***    *The Power of the Cross*

**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 7:25-28, 32-40

*<sup>25</sup> Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. <sup>26</sup> I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. <sup>27</sup> Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. <sup>28</sup> But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that.*

*<sup>32</sup> I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup> I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord. <sup>36</sup> If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry—it is no sin. <sup>37</sup> But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed, he will do well. <sup>38</sup> So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better.*

*<sup>39</sup> A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.*

*<sup>40</sup> Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*\*Please stand*

#### 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.

Sermon

Dr. Gary Purdy

*Renewed Relationships - Singleness*

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Song of Response\*

*Jesus We Love You*

The Lord's Supper

*Belgic Confession (1561), Article 24*

**We believe that this true faith, produced in us by the hearing of God's Word and by the work of the Holy Spirit, regenerates us and makes us new creatures, causing us to live a new life and freeing us from the slavery of sin.**

**Therefore, far from making people cold toward living in a pious and holy way, this justifying faith, quite to the contrary, so works within them that apart from it they will never do a thing out of love for God but only out of love for themselves and fear of being condemned.**

**So then, it is impossible for this holy faith to be unfruitful in a human being, seeing that we do not speak of an empty faith but of what Scripture calls "faith working through love," which moves people to do the works that God has commanded in the Word.**

Song of Receiving\*

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

Benediction\*

*\*Please stand*

### **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

4.28 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am  
Sunday School, 9:30 am  
Worship Service, 10:30 am

## Announcements

**VBS** - 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](http://northcross.churchcenter.com).

And very importantly...VBS is an all-hands on deck thing! We need YOU on our team and we need lots of hands to help in all areas to make VBS possible. If you can serve even for some of the days, please email [emma@northcrosschurch.com](mailto:emma@northcrosschurch.com) or sign up in the lobby today!

**Men's Cornhole Tournament** - Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm at Eleven Lakes Brewery. RSVP on the Church Center app.

**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.

## This week's Mission + Outreach Organization

Roger Edwards  
Barnabas Center

**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.



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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](mailto:HUDSONBELK2@HOTMAIL.COM)  
**West Lake Norman:** Sunday  
Matt Estler, [MDESTLER5@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MDESTLER5@GMAIL.COM)  
Greg Howard, [GHOW1961@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GHOW1961@GMAIL.COM)  
**East Huntersville:** Sunday  
Roger Edwards, [ROGER.EDWARDS55@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ROGER.EDWARDS55@GMAIL.COM)

**Cornelius:** Sunday  
Jonathan Skolrood, [JONATHAN.SKOLROOD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JONATHAN.SKOLROOD@GMAIL.COM)  
**Cornelius:** Sunday  
Cole Beardsley, [COLEB96@VT.EDU](mailto:COLEB96@VT.EDU)  
**Davidson:** Sunday  
Matt Seiter, [MATTHEW.SEITER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MATTHEW.SEITER@GMAIL.COM)

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## 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