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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

May 28, 2023

# Meditation

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

*"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."* 

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35-39

# Welcome

Call to Worship

Read Responsively

Revelation 5:13 Daniel 2:20, 23

Leader: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Congregation: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. To you, O God, we give thanks and praise, for you have given wisdom and might.

#### Preparing for Worship With so many distractions vying for our attention, this is a time to quiet ourselves and read the meditation to 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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Good, Good Father

**Confession of Sin** 

Read Together

"The Prayer of Love" from Valley of Vision

ALL: Gracious Lord, Your name is love, in love receive my prayer. My sins are more than the wide sea's sand, but where sin abounds, there is grace more abundant. Grace cascades from heaven and flows forever, and mercy never wearies in bestowing benefits.
Grant me more and more to prize the privilege of prayer, to come to You as a sin-soiled sinner, to find pardon in You, to converse with You.
May the matter of my prayer be always wise, humble, submissive, obedient, scriptural, Christ-like. You have given me the greatest gift, the person of Your Son, and in him You will give me all I need. Amen.

## Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Read Responsively

Titus 2:11-14

Leader: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.

Congregation: Training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope.

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 it 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. Leader: The appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Song of Thanksgiving

Lord I Need You

# LIFE TOGETHER

## **Passing of the Peace**

\*Children ages 2 through 2nd grade may be 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**

Mark 1:9-11 Mark 12:29-30

Mark 1:9-11

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 12:29-30

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

# Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Jesus in Need, Part 2: Jesus Needed Love" Rev. Andrew Goyzueta RUF Minister, Davidson College

#### 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

The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

The Lord's Supper

Song of Receiving

*My Jesus I Love Thee* 

# SENT BY GOD

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

5.28 Daybreak Prayer, 7:00 am Worship service, 10:30 am

5.31 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am @ church

#### Announcements



**VBS** - June 13-16, 9-11:30 am, Torrence Chapel Park. Register your children now on the Church Center app or use this QR code.

**VBS volunteer training -** Many of you have already signed up to help with VBS! We have 1-2 more spots to fill...see Emma to volunteer. Training dates are (pick 1): Option 1: Sun, June 4th 12:30-1:30 pm Option 2: Thurs, June 8th 6:30-7:30 pm **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.



**Needs -** If you have any physical, spiritual or monetary needs that you want to seek the church's help with, please reach out to one of the Deacons.

#### Season of prayer:

The session invites us to join in prayer for NorthCross during this time of transition. Please join us for Daybreak Prayer – Sunday mornings at 7:00 am via Zoom (link is in the Weekly News)

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

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#### NorthCross Church YTD Financial Summary

(for fiscal year 2022/2023; as of April 30, 2023) Congregation Giving - Actual \$249,449 vs. Budget \$255,833 Expenses (less Missions & Deacon's Fund) - Actual \$221,370 vs. Budget \$263,220 Missions expenses \$17,864 Deacon's Fund expenses \$4,783 Non-restricted cash position \$387,617