



NORTHCROSS

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Loved. Equipped. Sent.

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

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

July 23, 2023

Call to Worship

Read Responsively

Psalm 136

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: to him who alone does great wonders,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Leader: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Leader: and rescued us from our foes,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Leader: he who gives food to all flesh,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let us worship our holy and gracious God!

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

Song of Worship

Saved My Soul

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.

Confession of Sin

Read Together

from *Prone to Wander*

ALL: Lord Jesus, fill us with your Spirit today.

We are running this race loaded down with sinful desires, idolatrous hearts, and mountains of guilt and shame that we pile on ourselves and each other. We confess to you that our frantic activity springs more from strategies of self-salvation than from real sorrow over sin and love for you. Our running takes us far away from the forgiveness, peace, and rest you freely give us. Train our heart to run to you instead of away from you. Forgive us for all our desperate attempts to save ourselves.

Fill us with your Spirit so that we become preoccupied with his work and presence. We are fascinated with our small lives and blind to your larger purposes; send him to open our blind eyes and make us see your will, your heart, your beauty, and your glory. Send him as the searcher of our hearts to show us our own deceitfulness and helplessness so that we will hate our sin, run to you, cling to you, and rest on you as the beginning and end of our salvation.

Wonderful Savior, in this life we will never escape our deep need for your mercy; help us to cherish it richly and transform us by it. May your love and kindness captivate our minds and imagination, strengthen our weak faith, and motivate us to leave behind the sins that so easily entangle us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader

Hebrews 4:15-16

Leader: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy...so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works.

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.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Graves Into Gardens
Show Us Christ

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

I Corinthians 10:31-11:1

³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³² Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, ³³ just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. ¹ Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Recovering Imitation"

Cliff Wright

Executive Director, Charlotte Eagles

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

Open Space

The Lord's Supper

Song of Receiving

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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

7.23 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am
Worship service, 10:30 am

Announcements

Summer Play Dates - Please see the Weekly News to sign up to host a Play Date this summer. If you have any questions, see Ally Knox (704) 995-6104.

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.

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).

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 June 30, 2023)

Congregation Giving - Actual \$313,406 vs. Budget \$327,000
Expenses (less Missions & Deacon's Fund) - Actual \$255,575 vs. Budget \$317,904
Missions expenses \$21,364 Deacon's Fund expenses \$11,509
Worship Facility Received \$111,953 | Non-restricted cash position \$514,387