



# 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

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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

July 30, 2023

## Call to Worship

Read Responsively

Psalms 34

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**Congregation: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**Congregation: I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**Congregation: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who  
fear him, and delivers them.**

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

**Congregation: Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!**

Leader: Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.  
Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

### 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

*King of Love*

#### 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 *The Book of Common Prayer*

**ALL: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden - cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader

John 3:16  
Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.**

**He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**Songs of Thanksgiving**    *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*  
*Be Thou My Vision*

## 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.**

#### **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.

#### **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

### II Kings 20:1-11

<sup>1</sup> In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover.'" <sup>2</sup> Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, saying, <sup>3</sup> "Now, O LORD, please remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. <sup>4</sup> And before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>5</sup> "Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the leader of my people, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David's sake." <sup>7</sup> And Isaiah said, "Bring a cake of figs. And let them take and lay it on the boil, that he may recover."

<sup>8</sup> And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD on the third day?" <sup>9</sup> And Isaiah said, "This shall be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he has promised: shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or go back ten steps?" <sup>10</sup> And Hezekiah answered, "It is an easy thing for the shadow to lengthen ten steps. Rather let the shadow go back ten steps." <sup>11</sup> And Isaiah the prophet called to the LORD, and he brought the shadow back ten steps, by which it had gone down on the steps of Ahaz.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

#### 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

*"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"*

**Juan Rodriguez**

*Pastoral Intern, StoneBridge Church Community*

### **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.

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### **Song of Response**

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

### **The Lord's Supper**

### **Song of Receiving**

*Abide with Me*

## SENT BY GOD

### **Benediction**

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"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

7.30 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).

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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