



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

August 6, 2023

Meditation

“The devil always sends errors into the world in pairs - pairs of opposites...He relies on your extra dislike of one to draw you gradually into the opposite one. But do not let us be fooled. We have to keep our eyes on the goal and go straight through between both errors. We have no other concern than that with either of them.”

- C. S. Lewis

Call to Worship

Read Responsively

Psalm 105:1-4

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Congregation: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the
LORD rejoice!

**Congregation: Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

Leader: Let us worship the God of all grace and truth!

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

This I Believe

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 Responsively

from *Trials*

ALL: Faithful Father, forgive us for our lack of faith. In response to trials of various kinds, we have certainly not counted them as joy. Like sheep, we are prone to wander at these times and go our own way. In moments of trials, we have looked to the world's wisdom, our own sources of comfort and sinful patterns of escape. We are blinded to what you are doing by fear and anger. We settle for our own limited, self-centered vision as the final word of truth.

Leader: Holy Jesus, thank you for the life of doubtless faith you lived on our behalf. In the midst of every kind of trial and temptation, you responded with utmost trust and faith in your Father's will. Even as your Father turned his face away as you were crucified for our sin of unbelief, you remained faithful to your final breath. What amazing grace!

ALL: Spirit of God, bind our wandering hearts to you as we walk through the paths that you have ordained for us. When we suffer, be our vision by teaching us to count this cost as joy and strengthening our belief that you are always at work for our good. Give us humility and eyes of faith to see your goodness and mercy following us all the days of our lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Read Responsively

John 16:33

Romans 8:37-39

Leader: Jesus has declared, "that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."...Therefore, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 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."

Songs of Thanksgiving *See the Conqueror*
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

LIFE TOGETHER

Charge to a Graduate *Charlie Hinkson*

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.**

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

Luke 4:1-14

¹ And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."

⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you," ¹¹ and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

¹² And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.

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

"Jesus Encounters Satan"

Rev. Ken Cross

Chaplain, Cede Sports

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

Build My Life

The Lord's Supper

Song of Receiving

It Is Well

SENT BY GOD

Benediction

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

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

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.



Announcements

Youth Upcoming Events:

Picnic and Hike - Sept. 10, location TBD

Amazing Maize Maze - Oct. 1

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.

Volunteer Opportunities - NorthCross Church has needs for additional volunteers in all areas of our ministry: Children's Ministry, Worship Arts, AV/Sound and Sunday Morning Operations (greeters and communion setup). Please stop by the table in the lobby and see where your talents can be used.

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).

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.

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

South Huntersville: Sunday
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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