



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 13, 2023

Call to Worship

Read Responsively

Matthew 6:25-33

Leader: Jesus says, "I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

Congregation: Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

Leader: And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

Congregation: Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Leader: Let us worship our King 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

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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

Isaiah 40

ALL: Lord we confess our frailty to you, as your Word says, "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls..."

Yet we often seek to gain what the world and the flesh has to offer above the life you offer us in the Gospel.

We forget our days are fleeting and as a result we are slow to turn to you, we are slow to trust in you.

Forgive us, Lord.

Would you help us find our strength in you, help us trust you and what you have told us in your Word?

We seek blessing in fading things, which leave us broken and yearning. As you have said, "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever."

Help us to invest our whole hearts in growing in our knowledge of who you are, and experiencing more deeply your love for us.

May we find life in your instruction in your Word by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Read Responsively

Psalm 34:8, 22
Westminster Larger
Catechism, Q7

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Christian, what is God?

Congregation: God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Songs of Thanksgiving

*Good, Good Father
Into Your Grace*

LIFE TOGETHER

Passing of the Peace

**Children ages 2 through 2nd grade dismissed for Children's Church*

Announcements

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

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.

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.

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.

CHANGED BY GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:18-27

¹⁸ And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" ²¹ And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²³ But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. ²⁴ Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ But he said, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

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

"What Do You Mean by Good"

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

My Worth is Not in What I Own

The Lord's Supper

Song of Receiving

Nothing But the Blood

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

8.13 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

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). If you are already volunteering in one area, consider if there is another area where your talents can be used. Please stop by the table in the lobby and sign up today!

Ladies Bible Study will resume on these dates:

Wednesday, Sept. 13 - 9:30 am

Thursday, Sept. 14 - 7:00 pm

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.

South Huntersville: Sunday

Hudson Belk, hudsonbelk2@hotmail.com

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NorthCross Church YTD Financial Summary

(for fiscal year 2023/2024; as of July 31, 2023)

Congregation Giving - Actual \$54,717 vs. Budget \$29,732

Expenses (less Missions & Deacon's Fund) - Actual \$18,606 vs. Budget \$25,792

Missions expenses \$1,750 Deacon's Fund expenses \$0

Worship Facility Received \$167,503 | Non-restricted cash position \$607,271