



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 20, 2023

Meditation

"The God of grace is also the God of commandments; the two belong together and need to be embraced together in Christ."

- Sinclair Ferguson, *Worthy*

"When we behold the glory of Christ in the gospel, it reorders the loves of our hearts, so we delight in him supremely, and the other things that have ruled our lives lose their enslaving power over us."

- Rev. Tim Keller, *The Whole Christ*

Call to Worship

Read Responsively

Romans 6:4-11
Ephesians 1:3
Psalm 75:1

Leader: We were buried with Christ by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Congregation: For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Leader: So we also must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Congregation: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Leader: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. Let us praise your 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

Jesus is Alive

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

Prone to Wander

ALL: Almighty God, we have come before you to worship you, but as we speak words of worship and sing songs of praise, we are reminded by your Word that we are to have no other gods before you. We have fallen woefully short of keeping this great command. You have called us to set our minds on things above, yet we habitually allow our minds to slip back toward things of earth: the fleeting pleasures that this world offers us in food, immorality, and entertainment; the seeming glory it grants us in reputation, success and money.

Lord Jesus Christ, we have often doubted that you could rescue our souls. None of us see our sins as we ought, and thus, we obscure our view of your cross.

Holy Spirit, lead us back to the good news of the gospel: that all our sin has been put to death, fully and finally, by Christ on the cross. Entice us with the good news from above, so that our worship might flow from transformed hearts enraptured by a God who loved us first. Clear our spiritual vision that we might see our souls as hidden with Christ on high, our Savior and our God. In his name we come, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader

2 Corinthians 3:16-18

Leader: But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Songs of Thanksgiving

*Great is Thy Faithfulness
Hymn of Heaven*

LIFE TOGETHER

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

Colossians 1:9-10, 3:1-17

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

*"A Life Worthy of The Gospel:
Living Out Our Union With Christ"*

Rev. Hudson Belk

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

*Yet Not I But Through
Christ in Me*

The Lord's Supper

Song of Receiving

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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

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

Announcements

Walk for Life, Saturday Sept. 23rd - walk to support the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman. Sign up in the lobby or see your Life Group team leader.

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 an additional area where your talents can be used. Please stop by the table in the lobby and sign up today!

Youth Upcoming Events:

Picnic and Hike - Sept. 10, location TBD
Amazing Maize Maze - Oct. 1

Ladies Bible Study will resume this fall. We are studying *The God of Creation*, covering Genesis chapters 1-11. Books will be available from the church for \$10. Please let Lynn (morning class) or Angela (evening class) know if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, Sept. 13 - 9:30 am

Thursday, Sept. 14 - 7:00 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.

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 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