



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

September 3, 2023

Call to Worship

Read Responsively

Psalms 118

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Congregation: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.
The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?**

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

**Congregation: The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us worship the Lord 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

All Things New

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

The Valley of Vision

ALL: O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.

But, please, Father; do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

Silent Confession

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader

1 John 3:1-3

Leader: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Songs of Thanksgiving

*Come Behold the Wondrous
Mystery
Run to the Father*

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.**

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 Readings

Psalm 13

¹ *How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?*

How long will you hide your face from me?

² *How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?*

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ *Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,*

⁴ *lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.*

⁵ *But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.*

⁶ *I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

2 Peter 1:2-4

² *May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and
of Jesus our Lord.*

³ *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and
godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory
and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very
great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the
divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world
because of sinful desire.*

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

*“Can You See in the Dark?
Dealing with Depression and Discouragement”*

Terry Powell, Professor of Church Ministry (retired)
Columbia International University
penetratingthedarkness.com

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

Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call

The Lord’s Supper

Song of Receiving

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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

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

Announcements

Sunday School - classes for all ages including toddler/preschool, elementary, youth, and adults will begin Sept. 10th at 9:30 a.m. Books for the adult study (Philippians) are available in the lobby free of charge.

Men's Fellowship - Tuesday, Sept. 12th @ 7:30 pm, Lost Worlds Brewery in Cornelius. See Dean Whitehill for more information.

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

Youth Upcoming Events:

Youth Life Group, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 7:00 pm
@ The Estler's house

Picnic and Hike - Sept. 10, LKN State Park

Amazing Maize Maze - Oct. 1

Ladies Bible Study will resume this fall. We are studying *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 regularly for fellowship, prayer, service and study.

Contact one of the leaders if you would like to attend.

Huntersville: Sunday

Hudson Belk, hudsonbelk2@hotmail.com

West Lake Norman: Sunday

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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