



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 17, 2023

Call to Worship

Read Responsively

Psalm 96

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**Congregation: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Congregation: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

Leader: 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

Songs of Worship

On Jordan's Stormy Banks
What a Beautiful Name

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

Lewis Bayly,
"Piercing Heaven"

ALL: Lord, I caused your sorrows.

My sin brought about your shame, my failings your injuries.

I committed the fault, and you are plagued for the offense.

I am guilty and you are charged.

I sinned, and you suffered the death. You hung on the cross.

Oh, the deepness of God's love, the wonder of his grace!

Mercy without measure! What can I say?

I was proud; you are humble.

I was disobedient; you became obedient.

I ate the forbidden fruit; you hung on the cursed tree.

O Lord, let me never forget your infinite love. Amen.

Silent Confession

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader

Colossians 2:13-14

Leader: And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Song of Thanksgiving

Jesus We Love You

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 Reading

Luke 5:17-26

¹⁷ On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the man who was paralyzed — "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." ²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Creative Faith: Four carry a cot that bears a sick man – then a well man carries a cot – you have to hear the story!”

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

His Name is Jesus

The Lord’s Supper

Song of Receiving

How Deep the Father’s Love For Us

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

- 9.17 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship service, 10:30 am
- 9.20 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 9.21 Ladies Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Announcements

Sunday School - There is now a nursery provided for the SS hour! Books for the adult study (Philippians) are available in the lobby, free of charge.

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

Men's Retreat Registration - The Men's Retreat is Nov. 10-12 at Montreat Conference Center. Cost is \$150 per person. Please go to Church Center app or northcross.churchcenter.com to register by October 10th.

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
Matt Estler, mdestler5@gmail.com
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East Huntersville: Sunday
Roger Edwards, roger.edwards55@gmail.com

Upcoming Pastoral Visit - Oct. 1 - our candidate for Senior Pastor, Dr. Gary Purdy, will be visiting on Sunday, Oct. 1st and will bring the sermon that day. He will also be making a short presentation about himself at 9:30 am. Come early and grab a cup of coffee and a donut or muffin and meet Gary!

Fall Festival - The Annual NorthCross Fall Festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 22, 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Bring your best pot of chili for the annual Chili Cook-Off.

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.



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).

Cornelius: Sunday
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NorthCross Church YTD Financial Summary

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

Congregation Giving - Actual \$67,967 vs. Budget \$56,131
Expenses (less Missions & Deacon's Fund) - Actual \$53,194 vs. Budget \$154,590
Missions expenses \$5,693 Deacon's Fund expenses \$0
Worship Facility Received \$193,881 | Non-restricted cash position \$608,140