



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 24, 2023

Call to Worship

Read Responsively

Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

**Congregation: I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

Leader: Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?

**Congregation: Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.**

Leader: Let us fear the Lord and worship Him
with glad and joyful hearts!

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

See the Conqueror

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

A.W. Tozer,
"The Pursuit of God"

**ALL: O Lord, I have heard a good word inviting me to look away to you and be satisfied.
My heart longs to respond,
but sin has clouded my vision till I see you but dimly.
Be pleased to cleanse me in your own precious blood,
and make me inwardly pure,
so that I may with unveiled eyes gaze upon you
all the days of my earthly pilgrimage.
Then shall I be prepared to behold you
in full splendor in the day when you shall appear
to be glorified in your saints and admired in all them that believe.
Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

This it is that 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

Hebrews 10:12-17

Leader: But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Songs of Thanksgiving

*I Will Wait for You
Shepherd*

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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:9-13; 18:21-35

⁹ *"This, then, is how you should pray:
" 'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
¹⁰ your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.
¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'*

²¹ *Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

²³ *"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."*

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.

CHANGED BY GOD'S WORD

Sermon

"Forgiveness"

Cliff Wright, Charlotte Eagles

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 Mercy is More

The Lord's Supper

Song of Receiving

Christ is Mine Forevermore

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

- 9.24 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship service, 10:30 am
- 9.27 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 9.28 Ladies Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Announcements

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!

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.

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

Youth Group Event - The youth will be tackling the Amazing Maize Maze on Sunday, Oct. 1 after church. Please purchase tickets in advance and have them printed out for easy entry.

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).

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

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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