



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

October 8, 2023

Preparing for Worship

With so many distractions vying for our attention, this is a time to quiet ourselves and prepare our hearts for worship.

Call to Worship

Read Responsively

Psalm 145:8-18

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

Congregation: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Leader: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Congregation: The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

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

Saved My Soul
Revelation Song

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.

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.

Confession of Sin

Read Together

"To Your Throne of Grace" Lewis Bayly

ALL: O Lord our God and heavenly Father, we confess we are unworthy to appear in your sight. We daily break your holy laws and commandments, although you are our Creator, who made us, and our Redeemer, who bought us with the blood of your only-begotten Son, and our Comforter, who bestows on us holy graces.

If you were to deal with us as our wickedness deserves, we could expect shame and confusion in this life and in the world to come, everlasting condemnation.

Yet, O Lord, in the obedience of your commandment, and confident in your endless mercy, we appeal from your throne of justice to your throne of grace, where mercy reigns to pardon abounding sin. From the bottom of our hearts, we humbly ask you to forgive our offences and misdeeds.

By the virtue of the precious blood of Jesus Christ, may our sins, original and actual, be cleansed, so that they may never have power to rise up in judgment against us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader

Hebrews 4:14-16

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Song of Thanksgiving

All the Poor and Powerless

LIFE TOGETHER

Covenant of Baptism

Avah Marie Craddock

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

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHANGED BY GOD'S WORD

Sermon

"Two Men Go to Church"

Rev. Ken Cross, Cede Sports

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.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Song of Response

Abide With Me

The Lord's Supper

Song of Receiving

Just As I Am

Benediction

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.

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

- 10.8 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship service, 10:30 am
- 10.11 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 10.12 Ladies Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Announcements

Congregational Meeting - Oct. 15, after the service

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. There is a sign-up in the Weekly News.

Small Table - October 16, 6:00 pm, hosted by Brittany Powell (171 Heywatchis Drive, Mooresville). Small Tables are intentional gatherings for women that foster Faith & Community over dinner. RSVP to Brittany.

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
Greg Howard, gwhow1961@gmail.com

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

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.

This week's Mission + Outreach Organization
Paths of Hope Ministries
poheberu.org

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
Jonathan Skolrood, jonathan.skolrood@gmail.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