



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 15, 2023

Call to Worship

Read Responsively

Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**Congregation: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

**He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.**

**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

**Congregation: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

His praise endures forever!

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

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

Let the Nations Be Glad

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

"Valley of Vision"

ALL: O Lord, I marvel that you should become incarnate, be crucified, dead and buried. Give me to die with you that I may rise to new life, for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world; that I might not hear the voice of the charmer, and might be delivered from his lusts.

Never let me wander from the path of obedience to your will. Strengthen me for the battles ahead. Give me courage for all the trials, and grace for all the joys.

Help me to be a holy, happy person, free from every wrong desire, from everything contrary to your mind. Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Read Responsively

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

All: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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.

Songs of Thanksgiving

*My Worth Is Not in What I Own
Show us Christ*

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

2 Peter 3:18

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHANGED BY GOD'S WORD

Sermon

"Desiring Spiritual Maturity"
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

*Amazing Grace
(My Chains are Gone)*

The Lord's Supper

Song of Receiving

Jesus Paid it All

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

- 10.15 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship service, 10:30 am
Congregational Meeting
- 10.18 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 10.19 Ladies Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Announcements

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
Barnabas Center
thebarnabascenter.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
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NorthCross Church YTD Financial Summary

(for fiscal year 2023/2024; as of September 30, 2023)

Congregation Giving - Actual \$88,137 vs. Budget \$84,196
Expenses (less Missions & Deacon's Fund) - Actual \$ 67,038 vs. Budget \$296,737
Missions expenses \$7,831 Deacon's Fund expenses \$256.47
Worship Facility Received \$201,204 | Non-restricted cash position \$622,073